



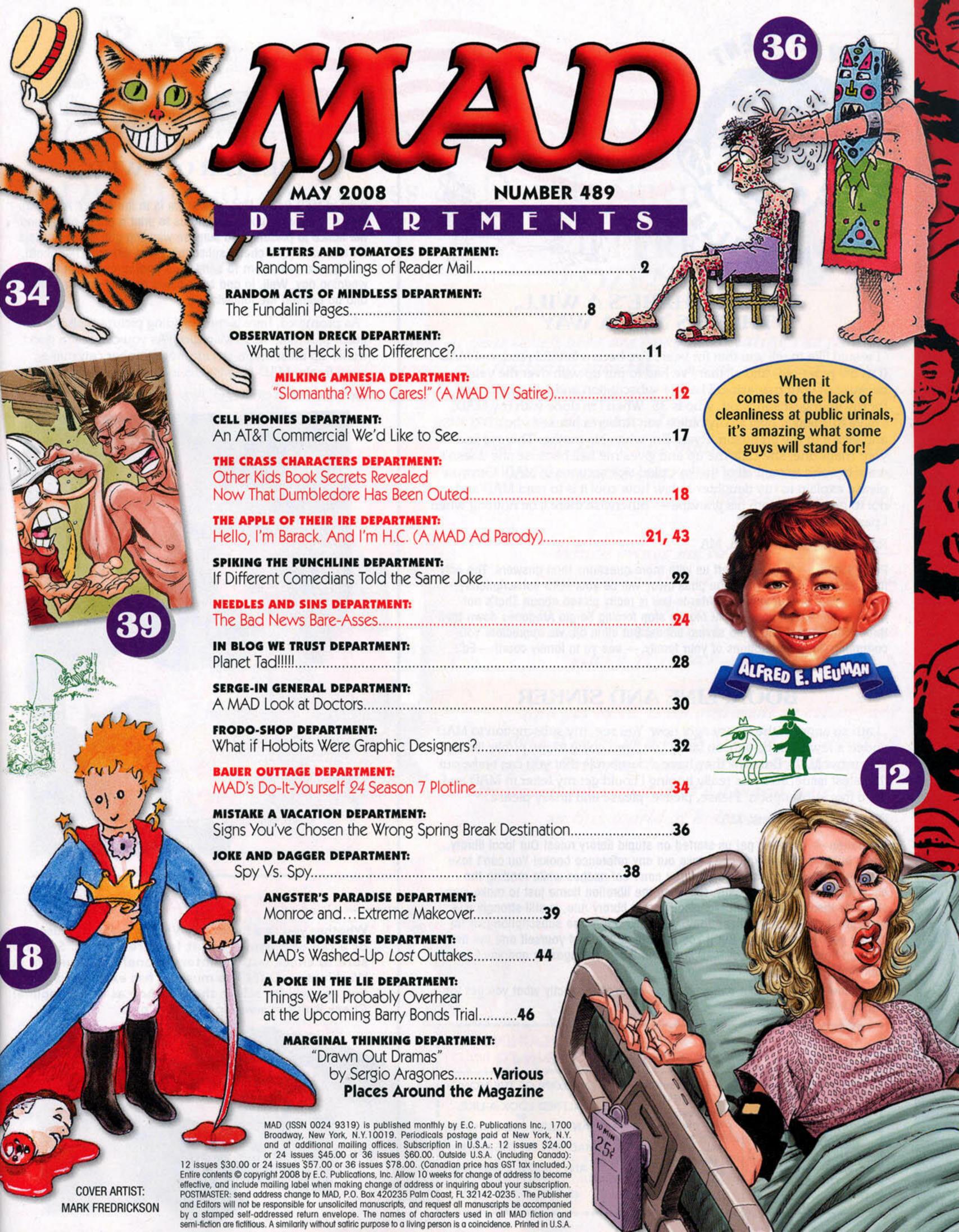




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WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S NOT A WAY

I would like to tell you that for years I've been a faithful reader of MAD (I'm 56-years-old) and all that I've had to put up with over the years, because of your magazine. I have a subscription and I also have one for my youngest son Scott, who is 35. When I'm done with my MAD, I have to sneak it over to my oldest son Robert's house (who's 37) and give it to my grandson, Ryan. But when his mother Theresa finds your magazine, she calls me up and gives me hell because she doesn't want her son to read all of the so-called sick sections of MAD! Can you please explain to my daughter-in-law how cool it is to read MAD and not to get uptight with his grandpa — otherwise there'll be nothing when I pass away!

Ralph Marston, Abington, MA

Ralph Malph — Your letter left us with more questions than answers. The only thing that will be left when you pass away will be your MAD subscriptions? Perhaps that's what your daughter-in-law is really pissed about! That's not much of an inheritance, Ralph! Maybe stop forcing Sergio Aragones down their throats and buy them some saving bonds! But all in all, we appreciate you corrupting three generations of your family — see ya in family court! —Ed.

BOOK, LINE AND SINKER

I am so angry at the library right now. You see, my subscription to MAD ended a few months ago, so lately I've been going to my public library to borrow MAD. But now they have a dumb rule that you can't take out the latest issue, so I was really hoping I could get my letter in MAD and get a free subscription. Please, please, please and finally please.

Chris Behen, Danvers, MA

Big Behen — Oh don't get us started on stupid library rules! Our local library has a bunch of them! You can't take out any reference books! You can't take your shirt off while making copies! You can't eat nachos while reading the encyclopedia! And, apparently, following the librarian home just to make sure she gets there safe, though technically not a library rule, is still strongly discouraged by local authorities! Sorry, you don't get a free subscription just for having your letter printed. But if you send us a photo of yourself and the head librarian holding an issue of MAD, we'll put it in the magazine and you'll get your free subscription! -Ed.

P.S. Below is a handy clip-and-save chart explaining exactly what you get for writing in to MAD.

HANDY CLIP-AND-SAVE CHART EXPLAINING **EXACTLY WHAT YOU GET FOR WRITING IN TO MAD**

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NIFTY FIFTY" CELEBRITY SNAP

Three-year subscription plus a magazine signed by the staff (preferably MAD, but we're open to suggestions — sorry, no porn or Everyday With Rachael Ray for obvious reasons)!

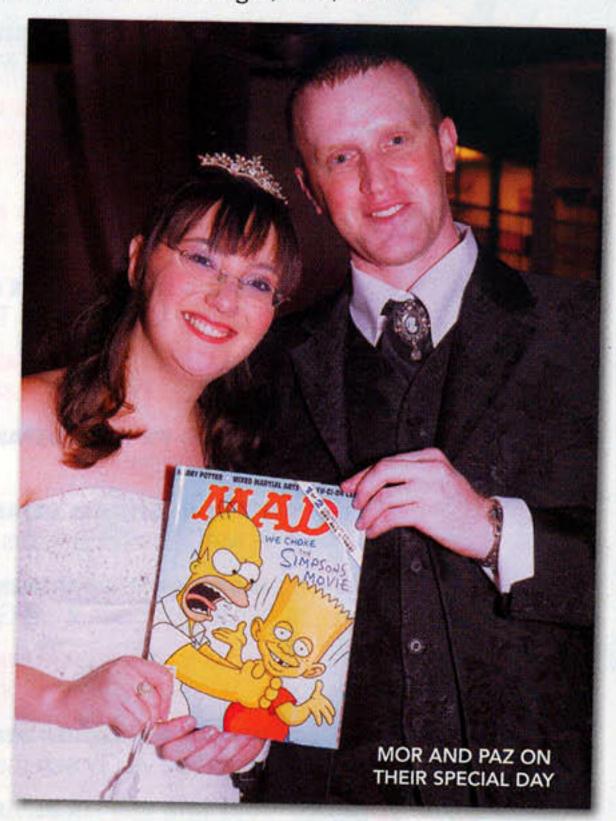
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Back in MAD #478, Mor Lurie wrote in to the MAKE A DUMB WISH FOUNDATION™ asking us to print a photo of her and her fiancé to present as a surprise wedding gift. Being suckers for romance (and cheap subscribers) we did print the photo, and then asked them to send us a photograph from their wedding day. Well, lo and behold, we opened up our e-mail and up popped the following:

As promised, here is our wedding picture with the guest of honor, MAD Magazine. As you can see, a good make-up artist and a smart photographer can make even freaky MAD-fans like us look normal (hee hee).

Mor and Paz Weinberger, Aviv, Israel



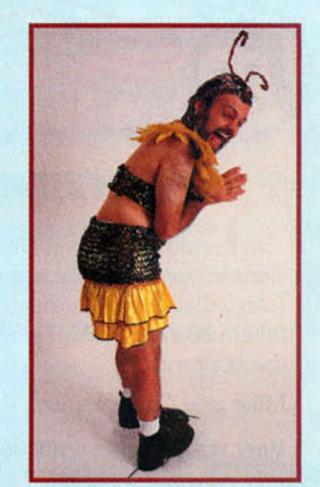
READER ALERT I

Whether you're a fan of Spy Vs. Spy, a fan of museums or a fan of museums that feature Spy Vs. Spy, be sure to check out the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.! The museum has exclusive Spy Vs. Spy apparel for sale in the gift shop as well as online! Check it out at www.spymuseum.org!



An important message from MAD's Director of Business & Development,

JEFFREY LOZENGE



Spring. The time of year when bees are busy pollinating the flowers, making honey and fluttering about their hives. The good hives—not the kind you get when you eat the wrong raspberries, and you break out in a painful rash and get all itchy and have to put that white ointment on your skin—you know, the stuff that sticks to the sheets.

Boy, that's uncomfortable.

Which brings me to MAD. Yes, MAD—
the magazine whose time is and was and
continues to be—doesn't stick to skin, sheets
or anything else. Which isn't to say it's not
sticky. It's stuck around a long time.

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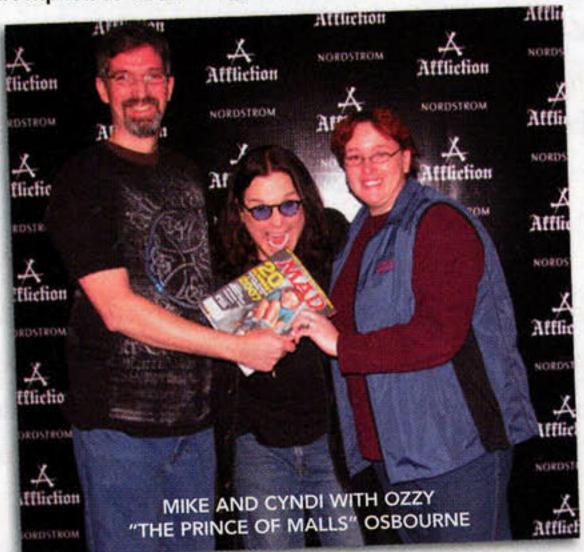


MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

So the other night at Nordstrom at Tysons Corner Center, we had a chance to meet the Prince of Darkness (Ozzy Osbourne) himself! Just like bats, he decided to take a bite out of MAD. While he likes the taste, we like the content.

Mike and Cyndi Parker, Reston, VA

Meet the Parkers — Is it really accurate to still call Ozzy the "Prince of Darkness"? I mean, really, the guy is hanging out at a mall in suburban Virginia! Was he summoning the Dark Lord while waiting in line at Cinnabon? Maybe he was consulting with Mephistopheles while trying on performance fleeces at Old Navy? Or maybe he felt his spirit while enjoying the massage chair at Brookstone? Thanks for the snap anyway, you can look forward to receiving your one-year subscription to MAD! —Ed.



FATS ALL, FOLKS!

I have been reading MAD magazine since I was a kid. It was only a couple of years ago when I finally decided to subscribe to home delivery, but your February issue (#486) has made me reconsider my subscription. I was appalled by John Caldwell's piece entitled "When the Morbidly Obese Go Bad" (labeled "When Fatties Go Bad" on your cover). It was not only extraordinarily offensive, but put down an entire 30% of the population of the United States. Come on, guys. I appreciate a good fat joke once in awhile, but printing an entire two pages of aggressively abhorrent (and rather dumb) fat jokes is not okay. Stick to what you're good at, MAD...making fun of popular culture, celebrities, politics and people's names. Now that I've had my say, I'm going to do what I've never done before...throw away one of my issues of MAD.

Andi Person, Gaithersburg, MD

Randi Andi — It was never our intention to offend 30% of America. We apologize and promise in the future to try harder to offend a much larger percentage! Remember, the obese may only make up 30% of the population, but they take up at least 60% of the land! —Ed.



HEART OF CLASS

I am a relatively recent subscriber to MAD and I couldn't contain my enthusiasm any longer (or that this is an assignment I need published for an English class). I'm a freshman in high school, weigh 85 pounds and am short with a handsome face, in an Alfred E. Neuman sort of way. Since reading your magazine I have become um...well...only the most popular guy in school (and no, I'm not home schooled!) The reason for this sudden popularity is that I study, memorize and stay up late hours reading MAD cover to cover in the privacy of my own home. This may go on days, weeks or even months. Then when everyone is least expecting it, I take your sophisticated jokes and your absurd sense of humor and portray them as my own (I already have the look). All of a sudden I am getting all sorts of looks from girls (I won't say what kind of looks). Even the upper classman have become my buddies affectionately tossing me through the air to the nearest dumpster. I have never had this much attention! I am desperately watching the mail box for my new MAD material and my report card with an A in English. I hope there won't be a glitch in getting me published. What, me worry? Derek Parks, Wichita, KS

Parks! Who Goes There? — There's good news and bad news. The good news is that your letter is being published, so you'll get that A in English. The bad news is, now that you've outed yourself and admitted that you have all the cleverness of a bag of hammers, look to spend additional time in the dumpster as even more students turn on you! —Ed.

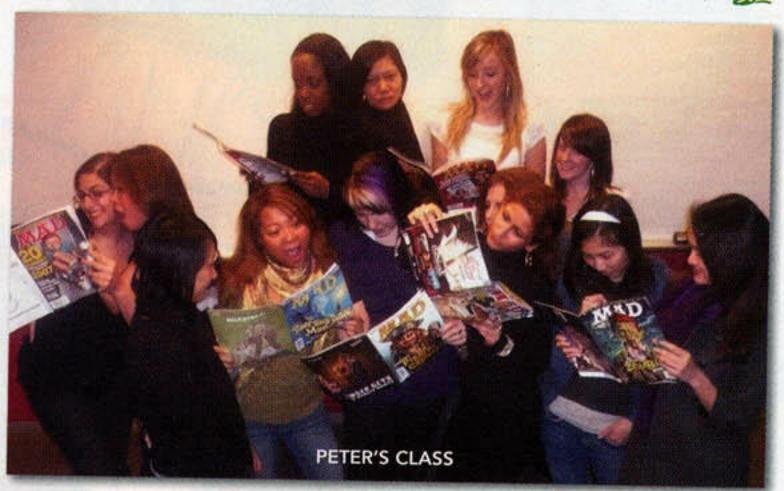
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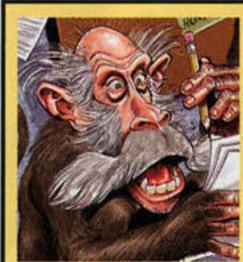
I've been reading MAD since I was a kid and still subscribe. Not only does every issue continue to be just as good as the one before it, MAD helps us older guys be smarter dads. My friend George told his 14-year-old daughter she could get a tattoo only if, in 40 years from now, it works like a MAD Fold-in because she's going to have the additional flab to deal with. Also, I teach magazine production at the International Academy of Design & Technology and always use MAD as an example of a publication that honestly and truly understands its readers and never disappoints. Here's a photo of my class cramming for a final. Bad news is, the Academy just announced it's closing down its Toronto campus so next term will be our last. We're all sad but something just occurred to me. Do you think there might be a link between the school closing and the fact that we use MAD instead of textbooks?

Peter Carter, Ontario, Canada

Welcome Back Carter — Using MADs instead of textbooks? Yeah, that's definitely part of the problem. Or it could just be the lousy teaching at the Institute! Good luck with unemployment! —Ed.





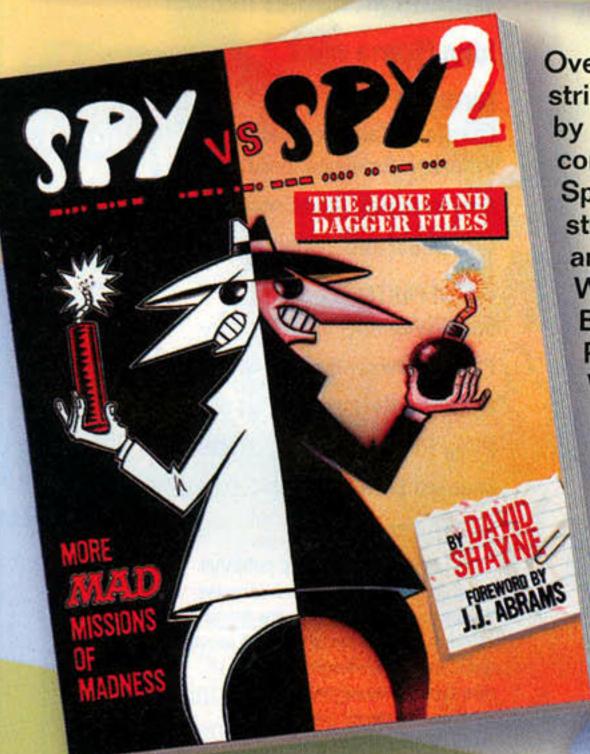


CORRECTION!

Due to gross incompetence, Dick "Stompy Ding Dong" DeBartolo's credit was omitted from the Friends of Monkey-Lini listing in last month's Monkey issue. As a result, editors T. Worthington Snoots, Goopy III and Baron von Whoopsie have all been severely reprimanded and had their tire swing privileges revoked indefinitely!

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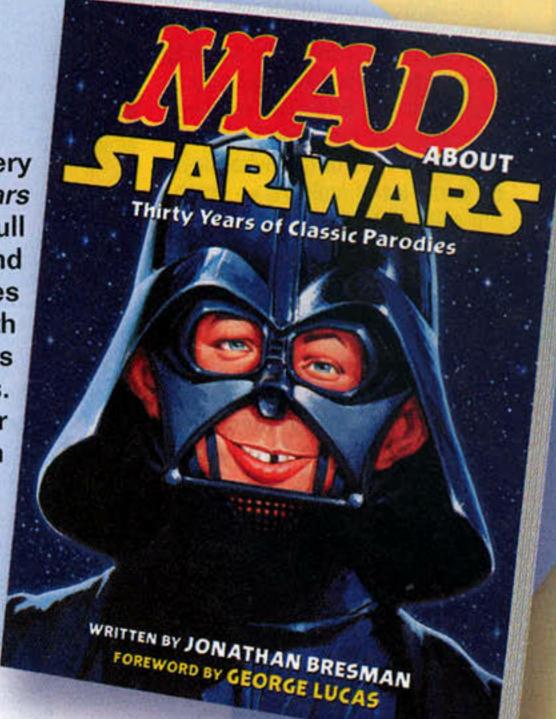
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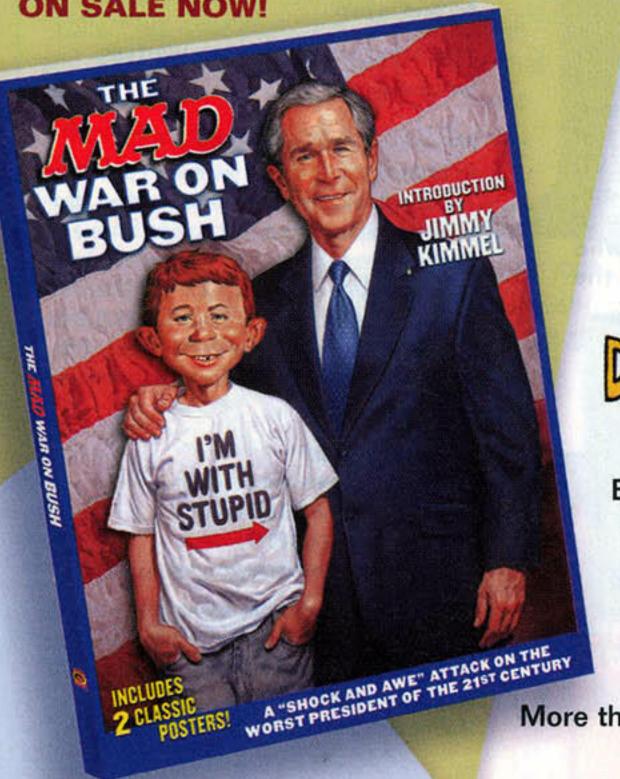
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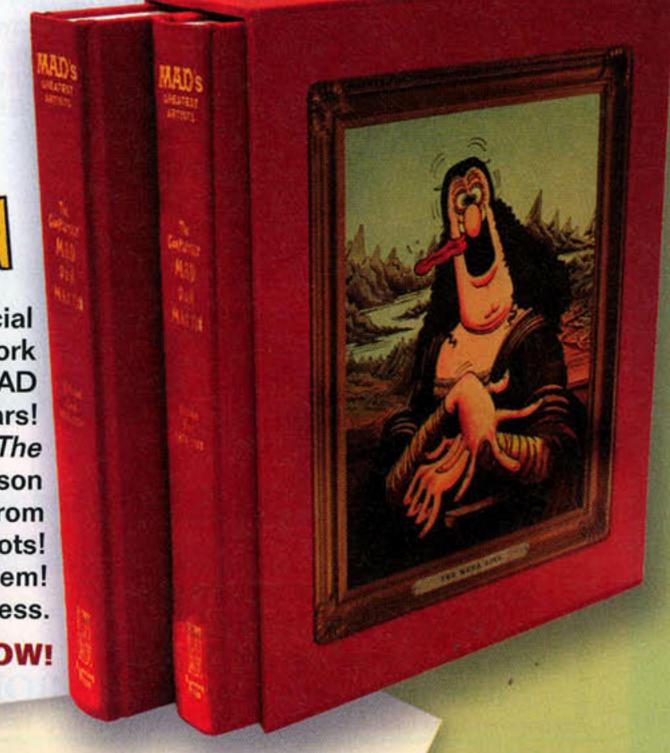


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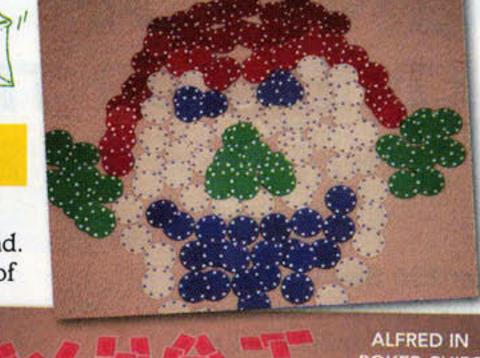
THE BIG EASEL

I was reading all of my past MADs when a completely random idea popped into my mind. Why not make a giant Alfred E. Neuman out of

poker chips? I even went into the trouble of adding "What, Me Worry" in playing cards!

Nick Acquadro, Ridgefield, CT

Acquaman — Thanks for sending us your entry for The Big Easel. We're printing it, but we're going out on a limb here and guess that you're the type of guy who plays an awful lot of solitaire — catch our drift, Maverick? —Ed.



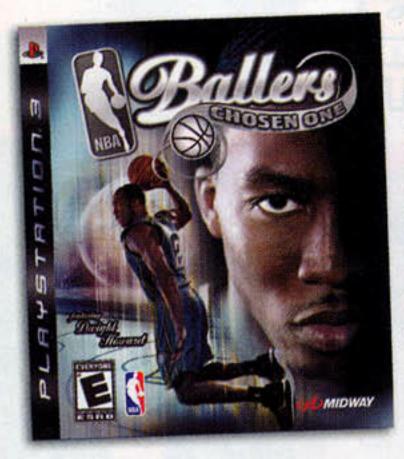


MAD BLURBS

In a recent issue of Entertainment Weekly, director Mike Nichols revealed this little gem about MAD and his film The Graduate.

"My unconscious was making this movie," he says. "It took me years before I got what I had been doing all along — that I had been turning Benjamin into a Jew. I didn't get it until I saw this hilarious issue of MAD magazine after the movie came out, in which the caricature of Dustin says to the caricature of Elizabeth Wilson, 'Mom, how come I'm Jewish and you and Dad aren't?' And I asked myself the same question, and the answer was fairly embarrassing and fairly obvious."

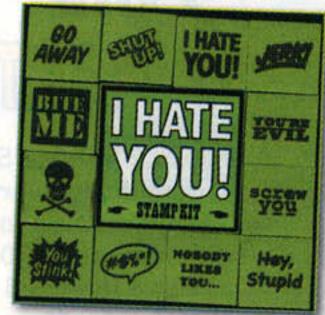




READER ALERT II

For those of you who were lucky enough to have their letters printed in this month's Letters Page, you will receive two fantastic prizes! First up, the NBA Ballers: Chosen One videogame for your PS3s courtesy of our friends at Midway — the game is on sale April 21. For more information go to www.nbaballers.com. Next up is the "I Hate You" Stamp Kit courtesy of our friends at Chronicle Books. For those who didn't make it in, don't worry — you can get the stuff in stores!





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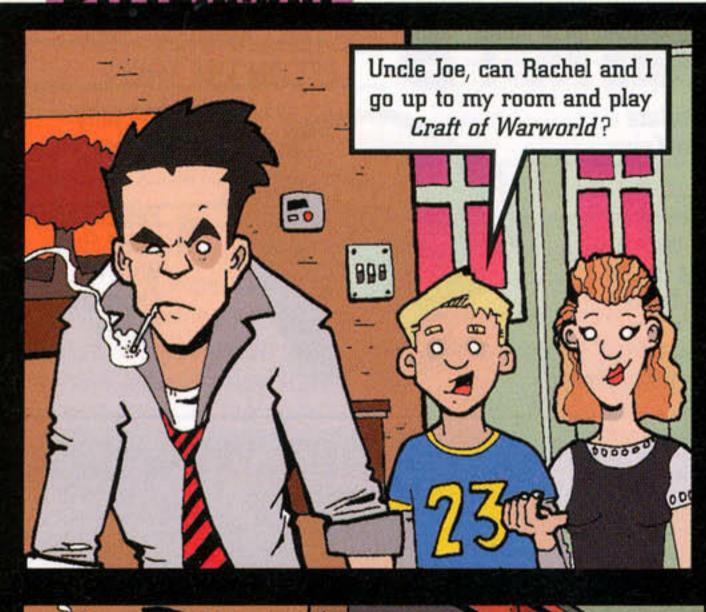
If he uses the internet to find dirty bomb materials...HE'S A TERRORIST.

If he uses the internet to find dirty material...HE'S A REGULAR SCHMOE.





BITTERMAN



Nick, you think I don't know what hormone-driven teenagers do in their rooms? You're both at an age where you're testing your boundaries and hoping some adult will slip up and give you "permission" to go wild. I'm disappointed in you!



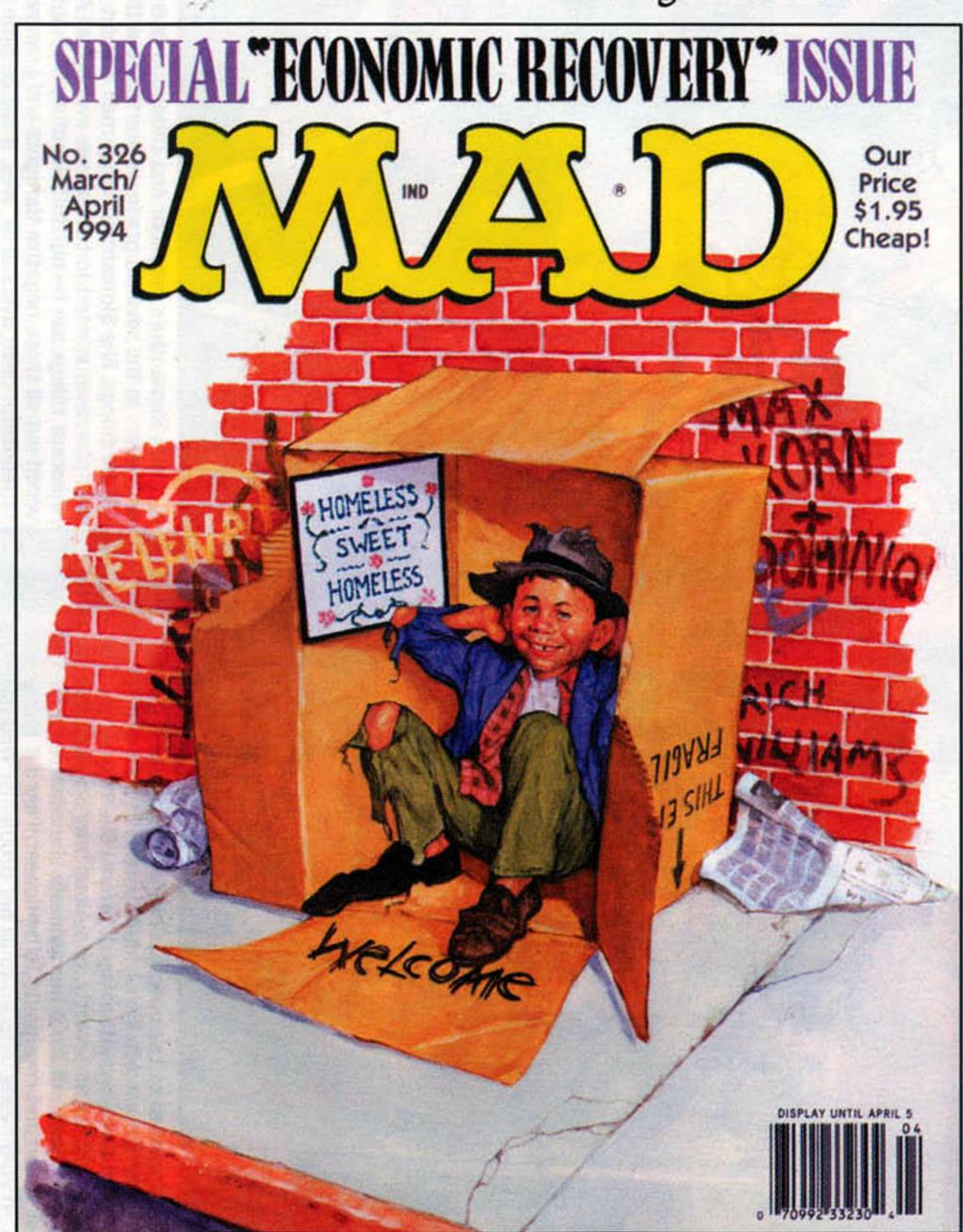
Seriously, Uncle Joe, Rachel knows a way to beat the Ogre King with the Maladorn Hammer and get the Dark Key of Ziloes to enter the Palace of Droon and get the Sapphire of Falcore to ignite the Cauldron of Wisdom!

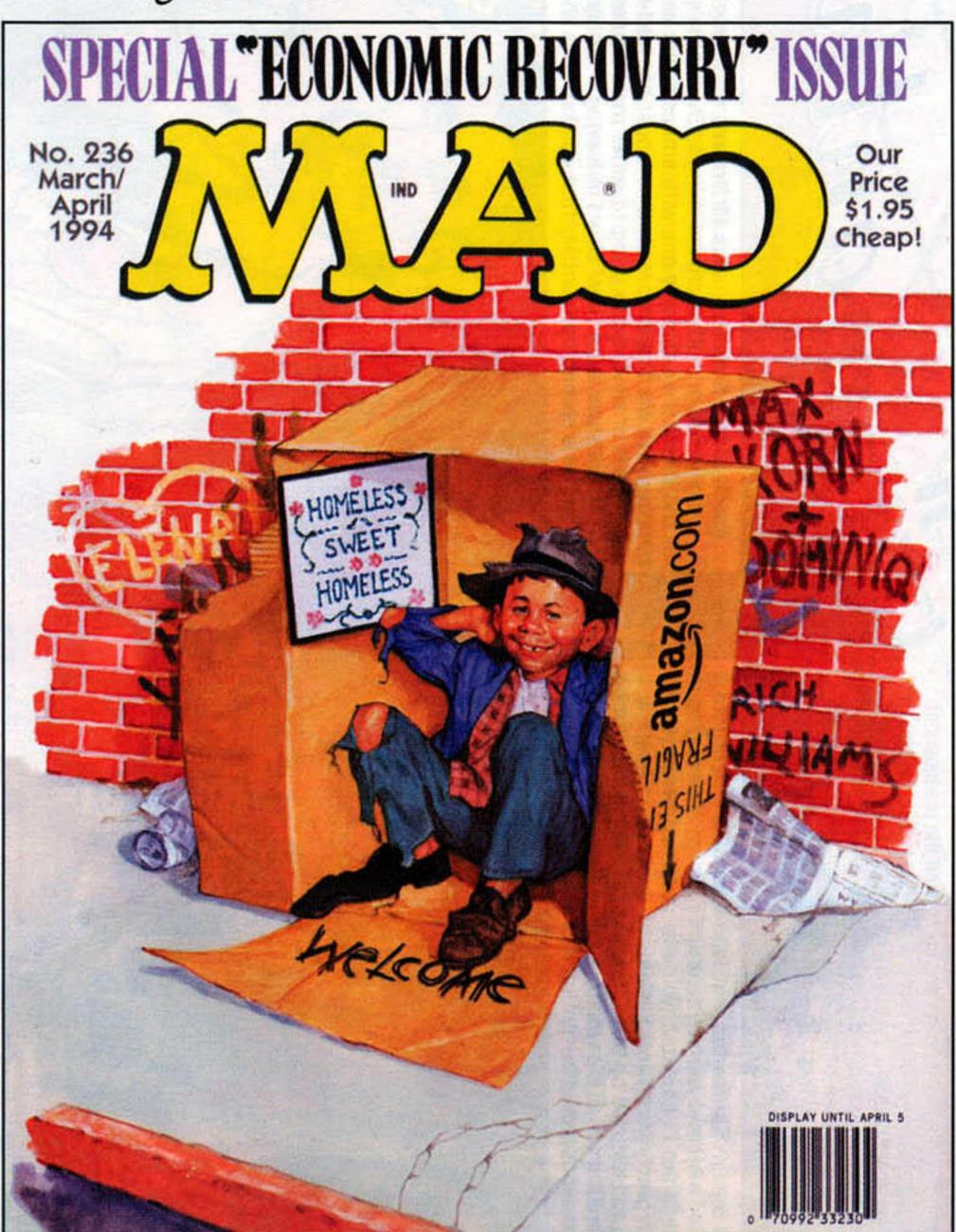




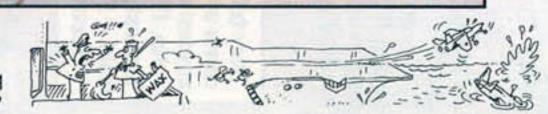
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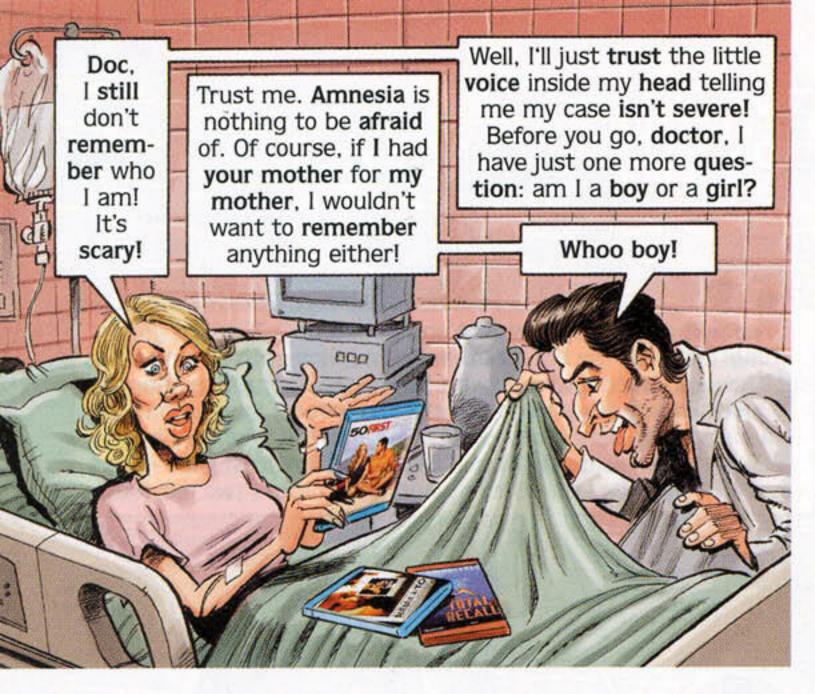
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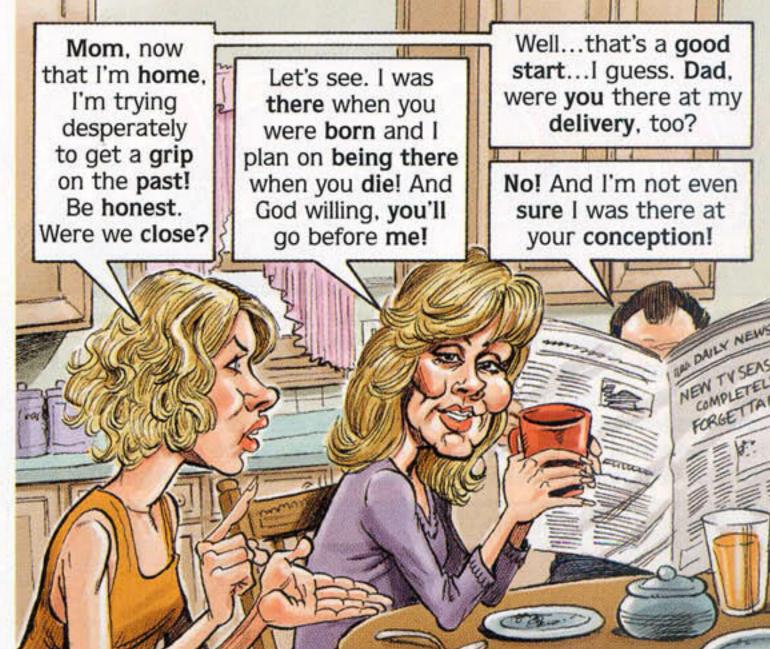


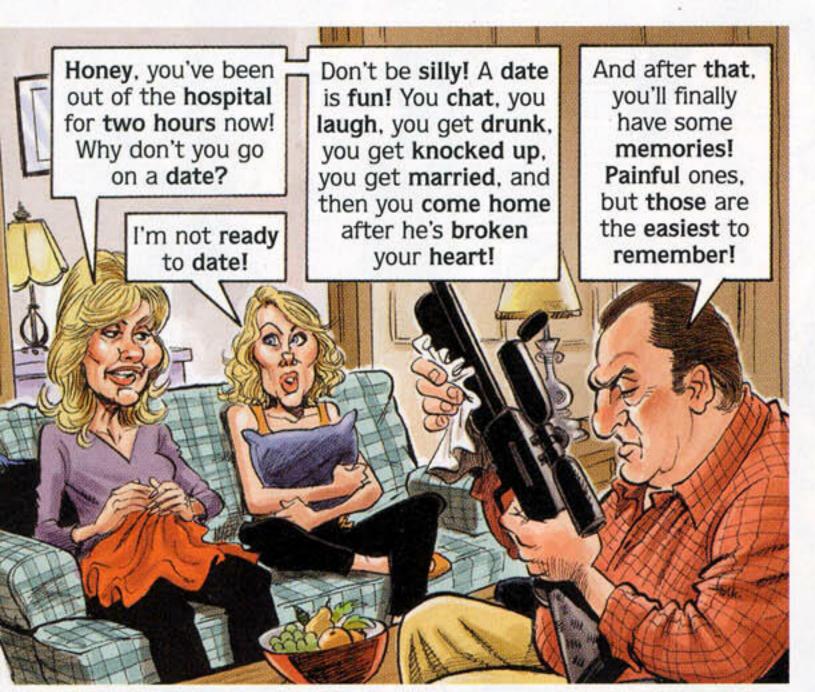


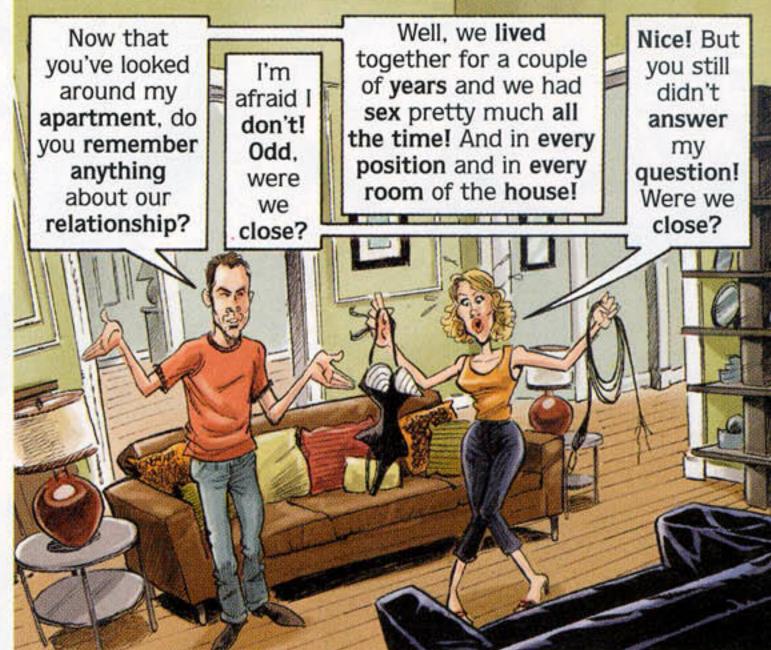
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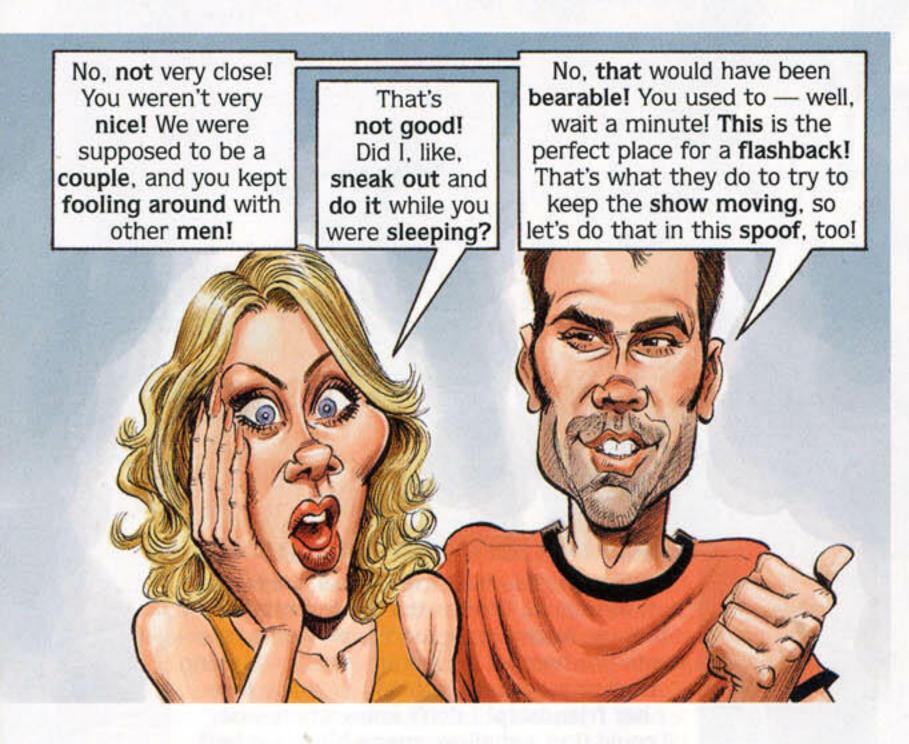


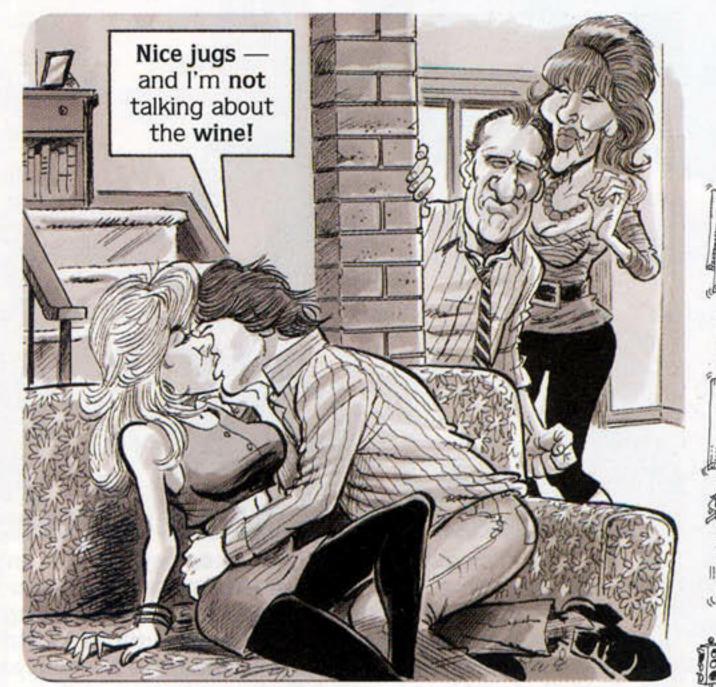






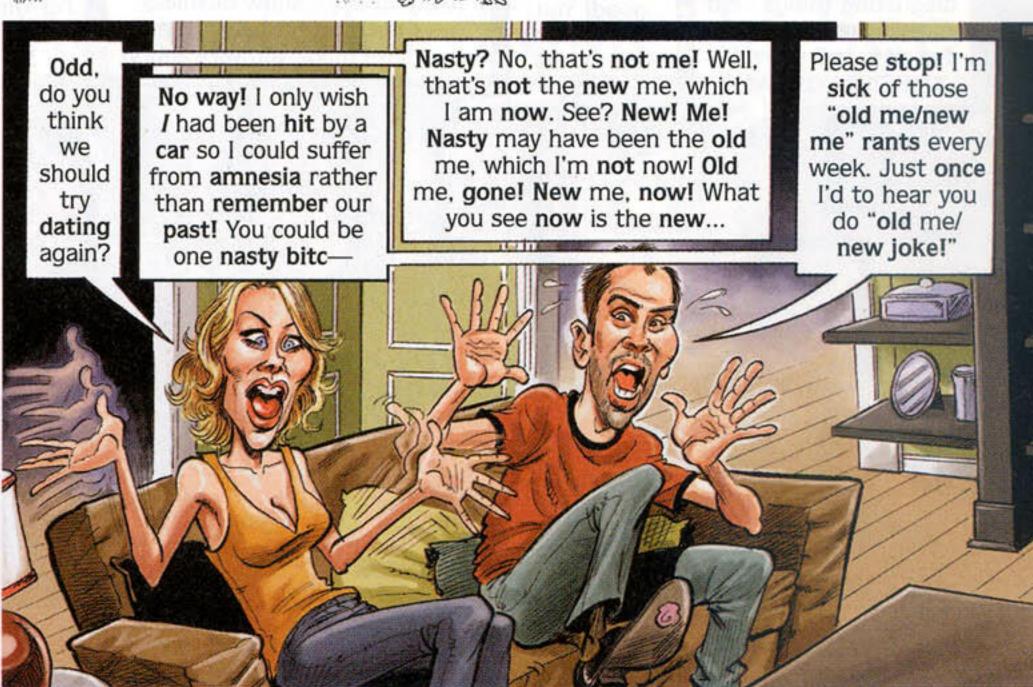


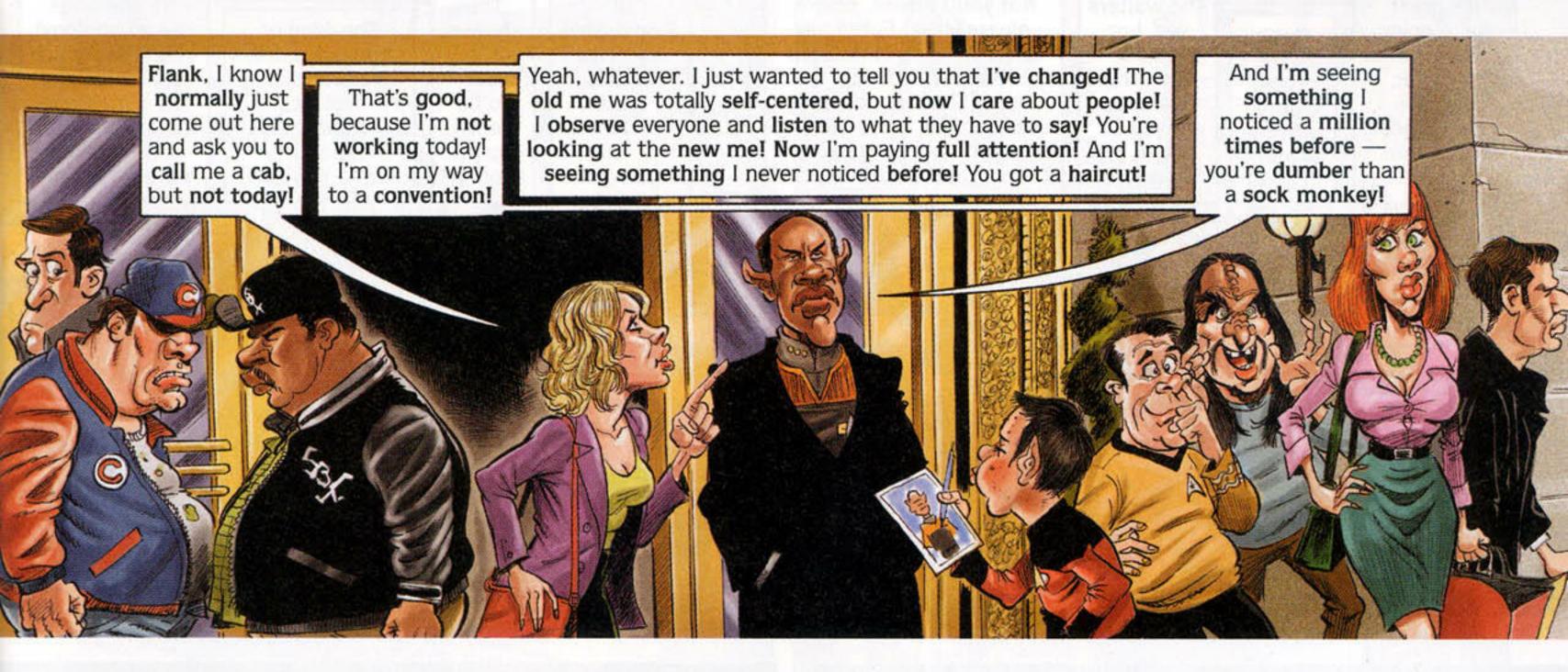


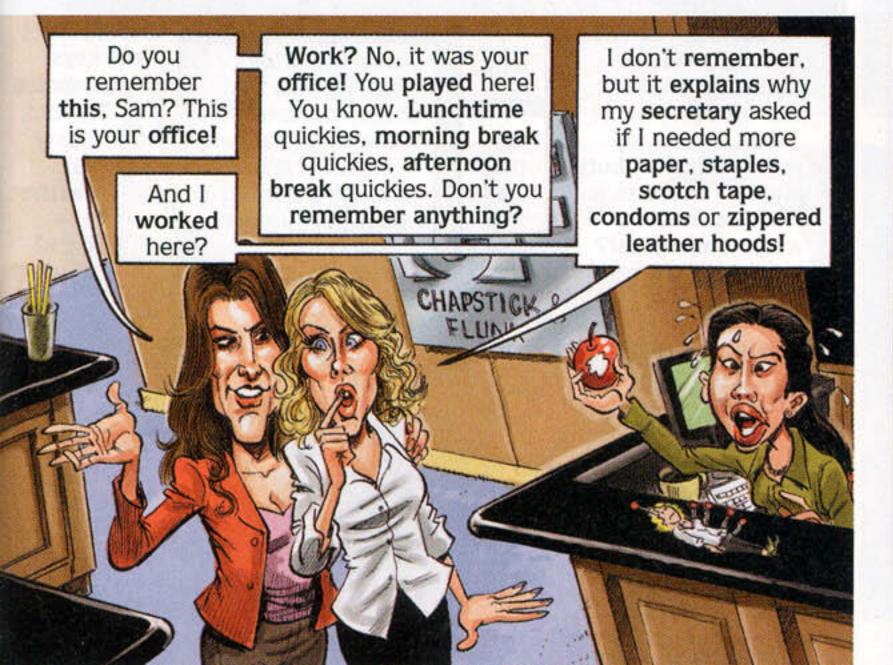


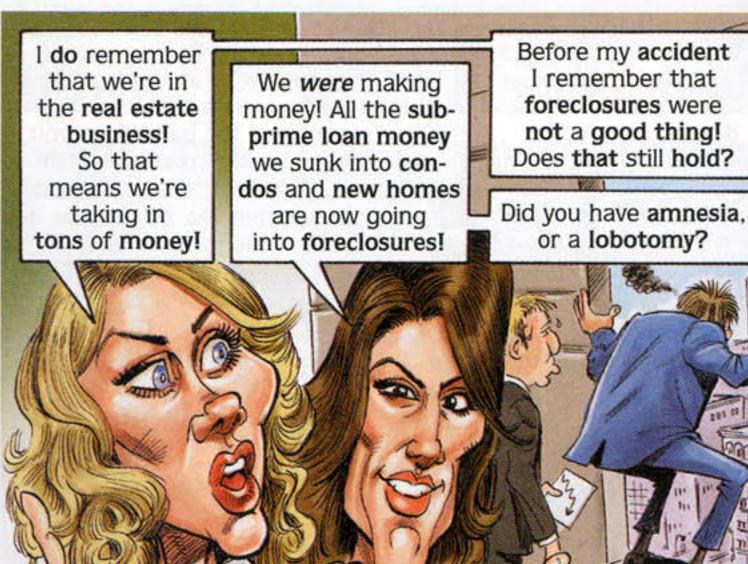


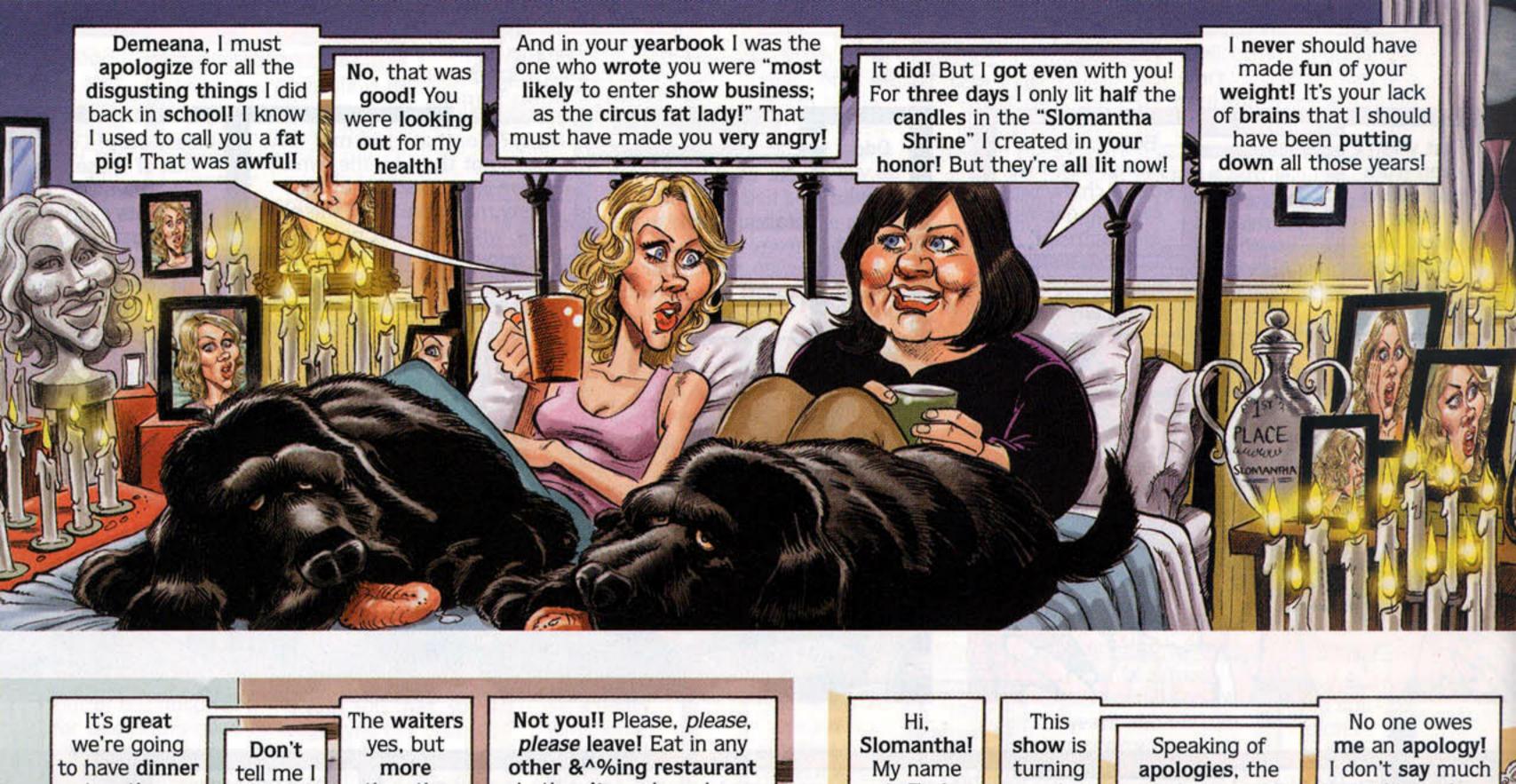


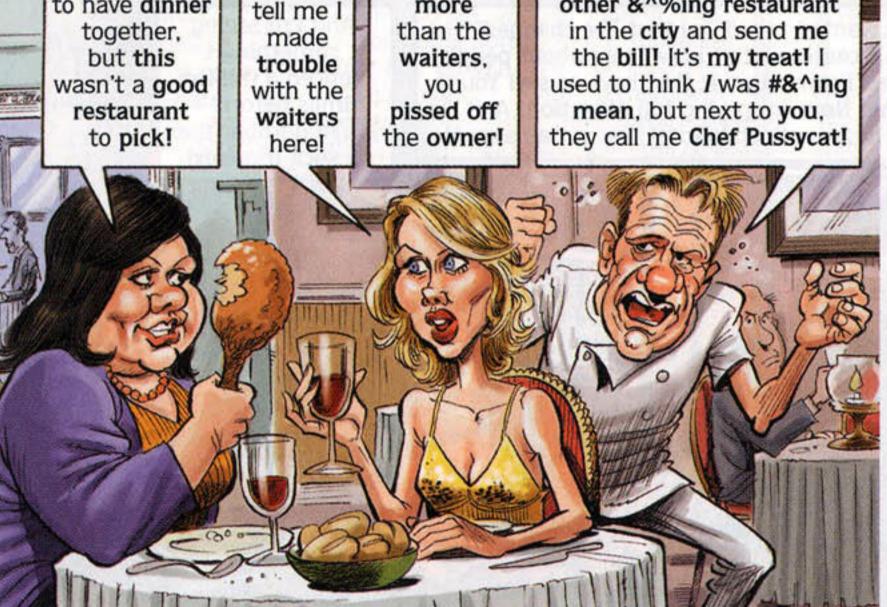


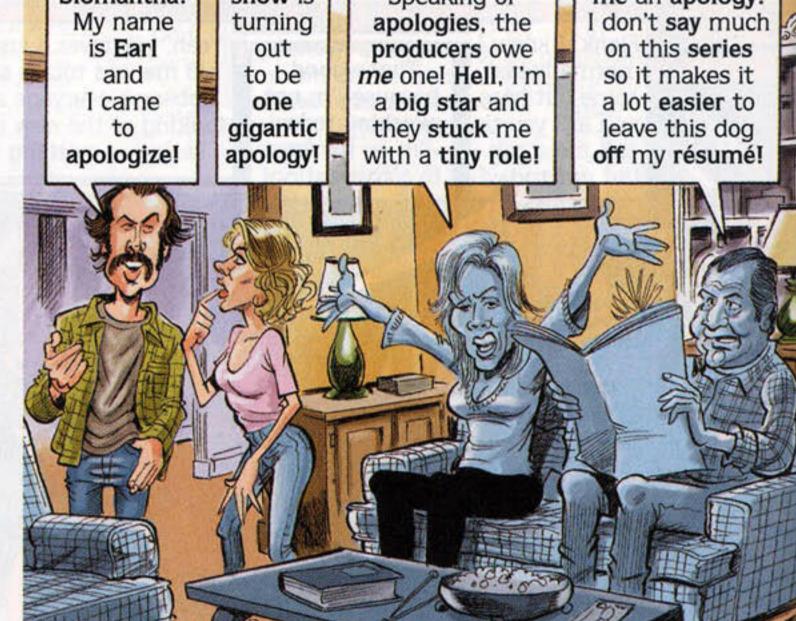


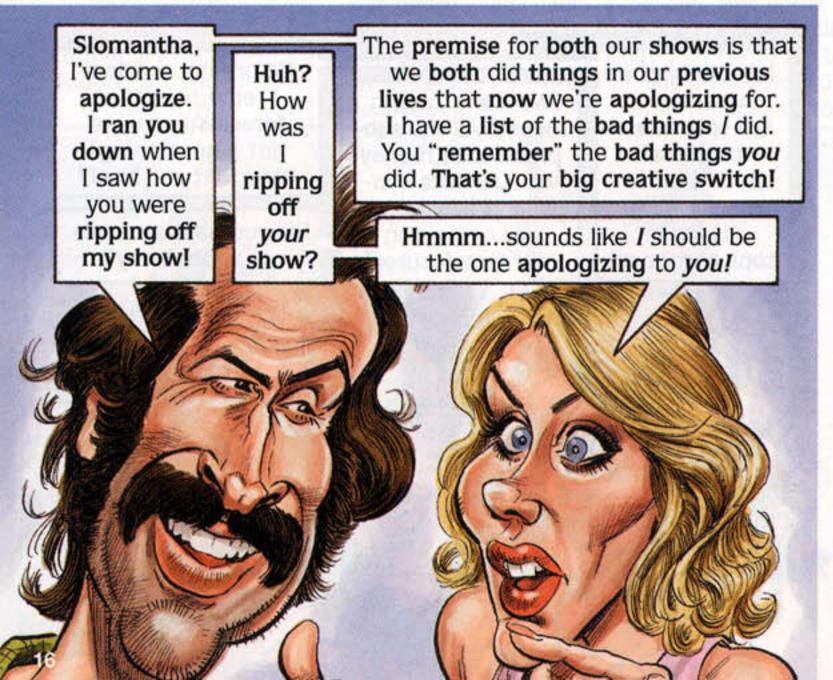


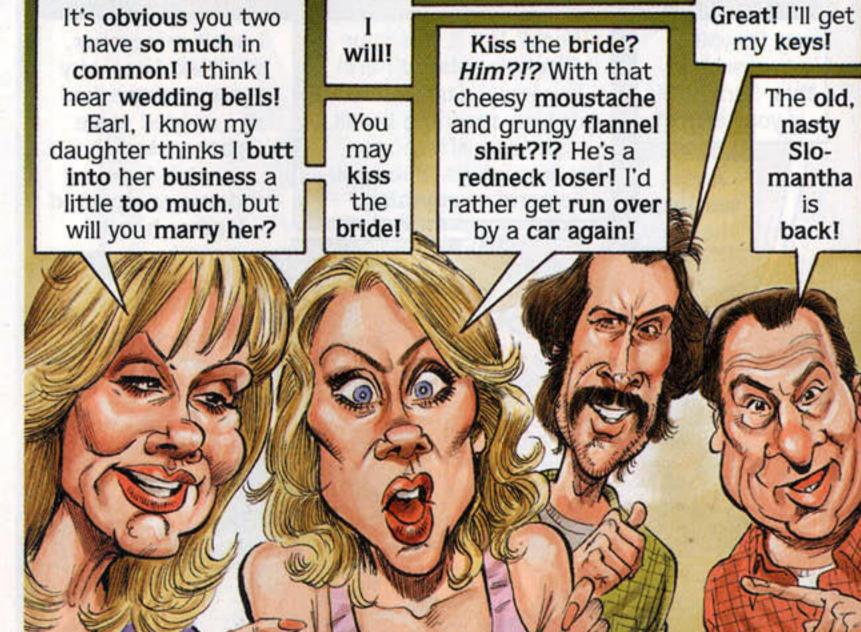




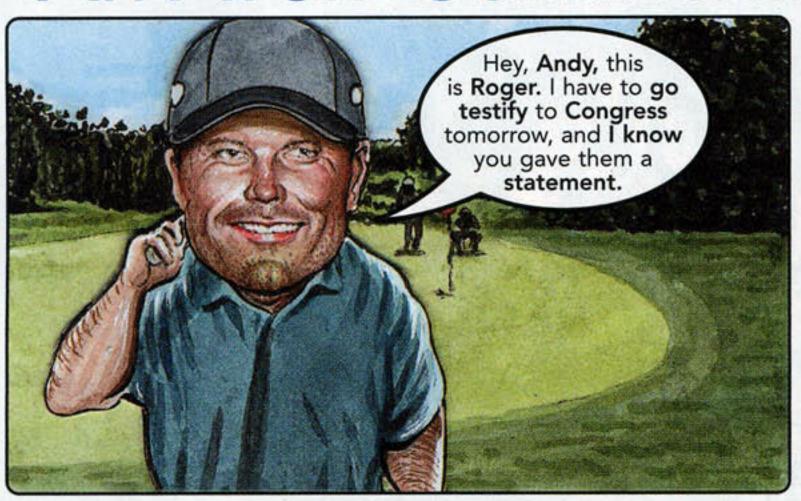


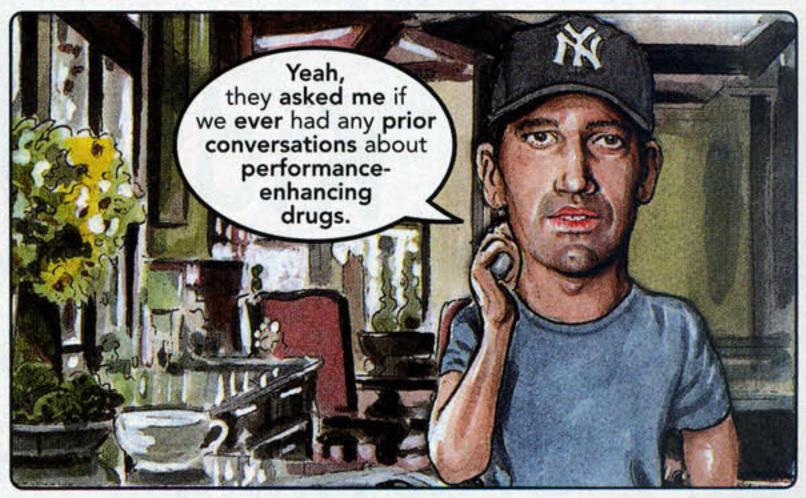


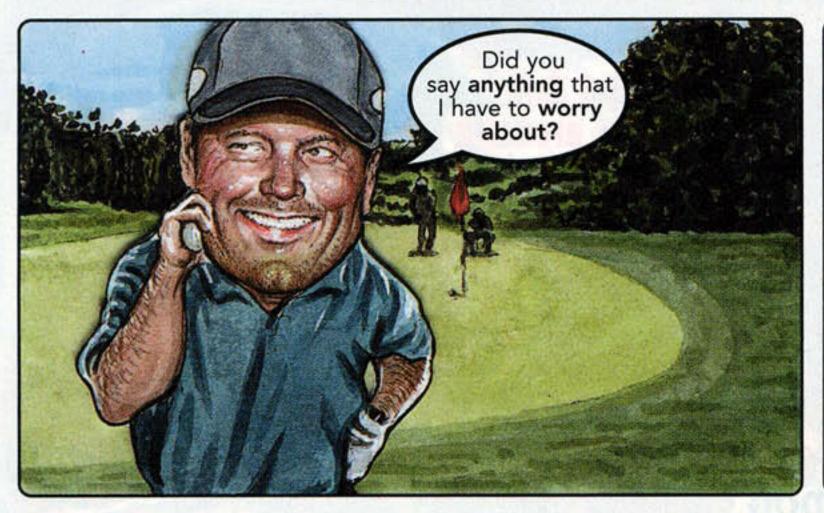


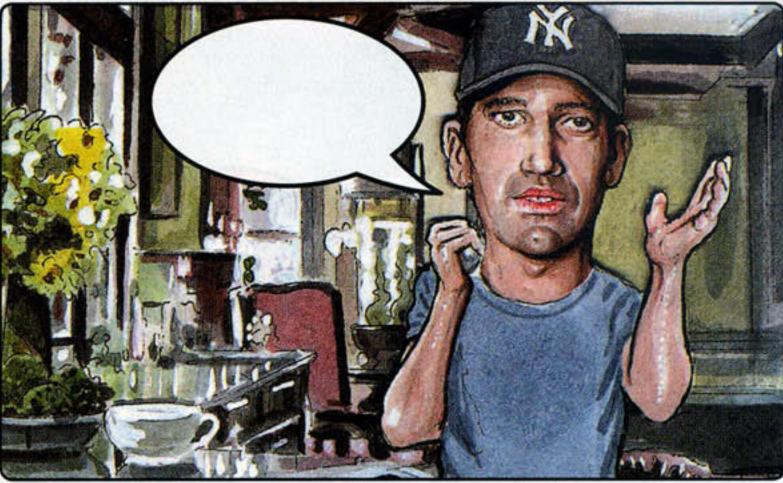


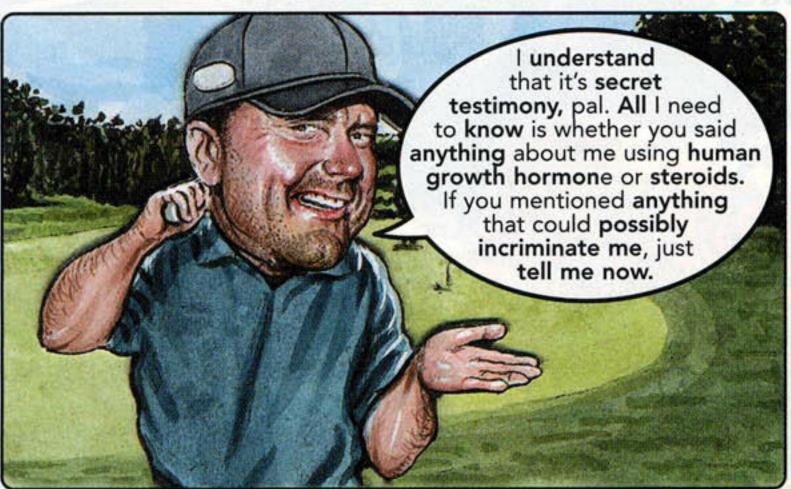
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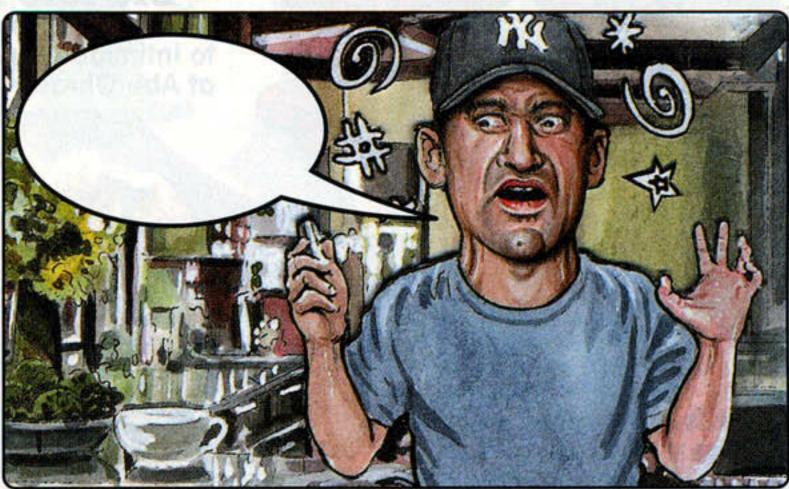


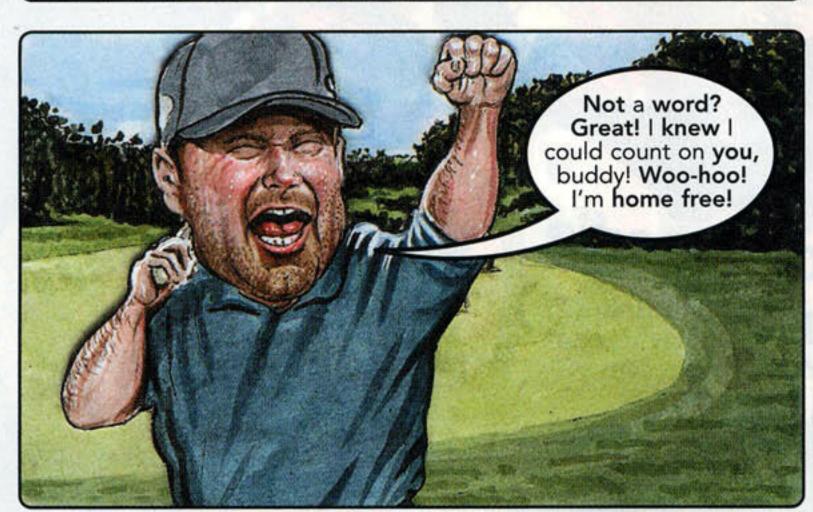












AT&T WIRELESS

A dropped phone call can ruin a reputation.



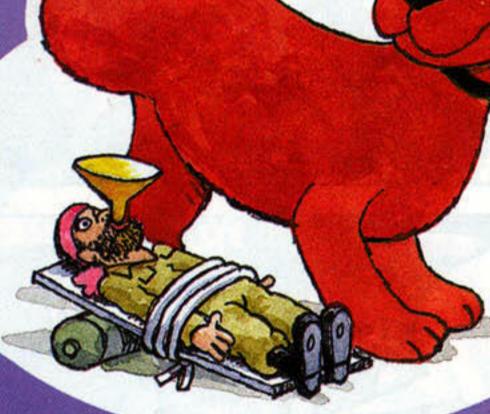
Author J.K. Rowling shocked fans of Harry Potter recently when she blurted out that beloved Hogwarts Headmaster Albus Dumbledore... how should we put this delicately...enjoys gazing into crystal balls...and other kinds as well. But Rowling's announcement had an unintended consequence. Authors of other children's books seized on the opportunity to come clean

Other Kids Book Secrets Now that Dumbledore has Been Outed



THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE

once smuggled opium through Afghanistan in his coal cab.



was used by the Army to intimidate prisoners at Abu Ghraib.



HEATHER'S Two Mommies

aren't lesbian. They live together to share 1 expenses because the cost of living is too high.



and the younger one was adopted.



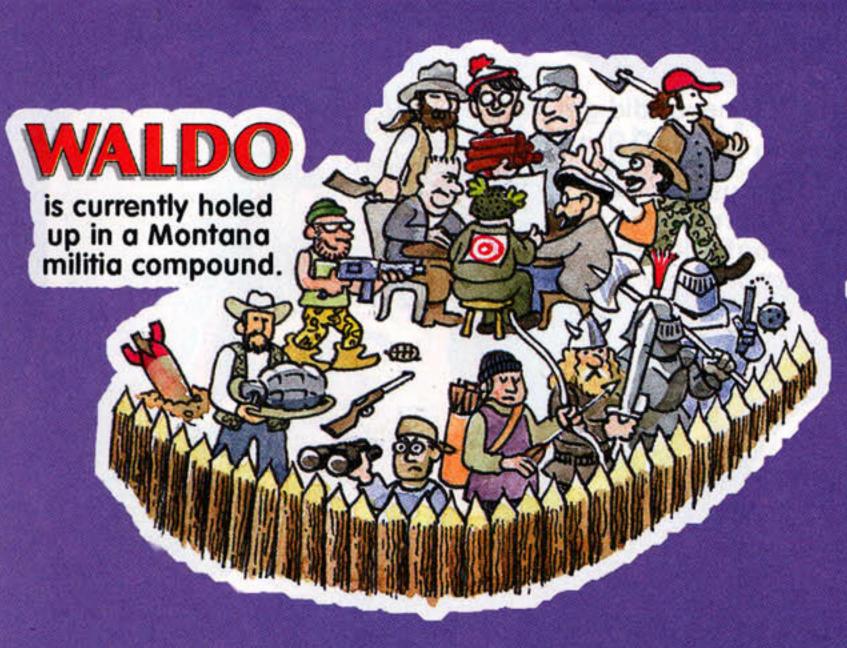
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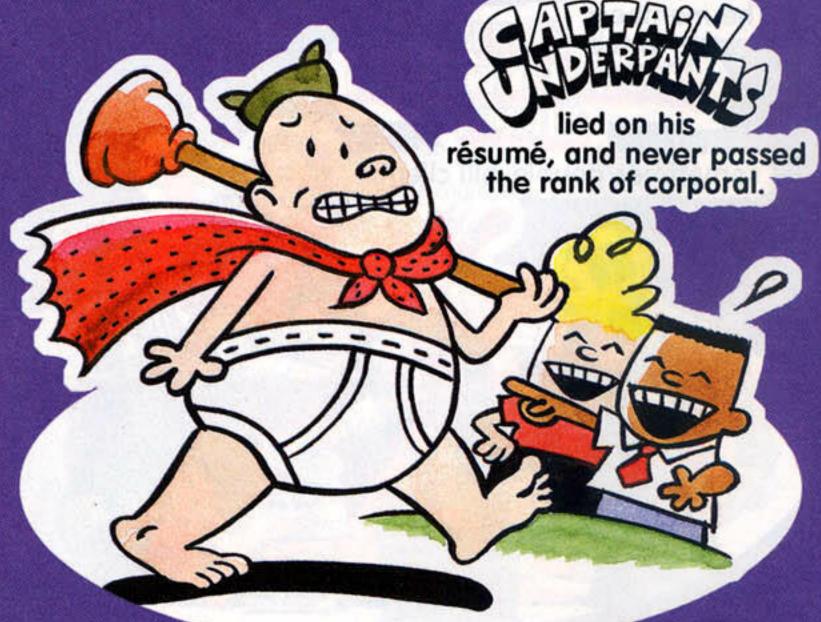
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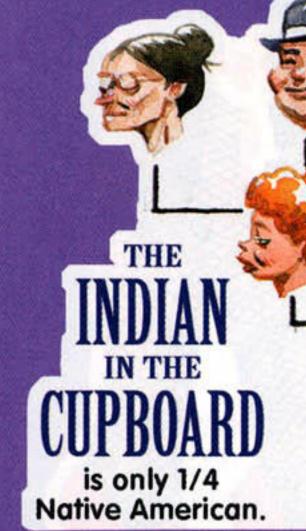
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WRITER: JEFF KRUSE ARTIST: GARY HALLGREN











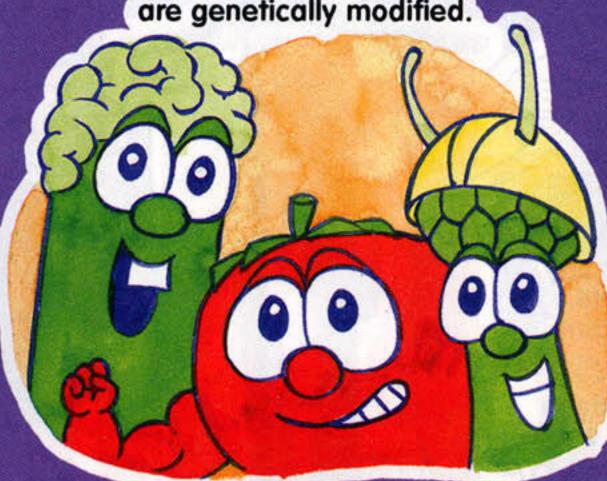
Since space is a vacuum, there is no way the

can hear a child say

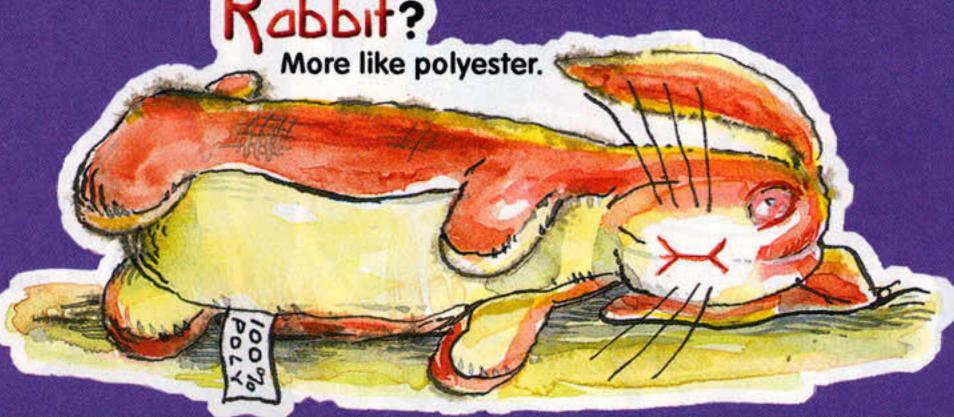
Many of the characters in Veggie ales

was sued in a class-action child obesity case.

are genetically modified.



The Velveteen Rabbit?



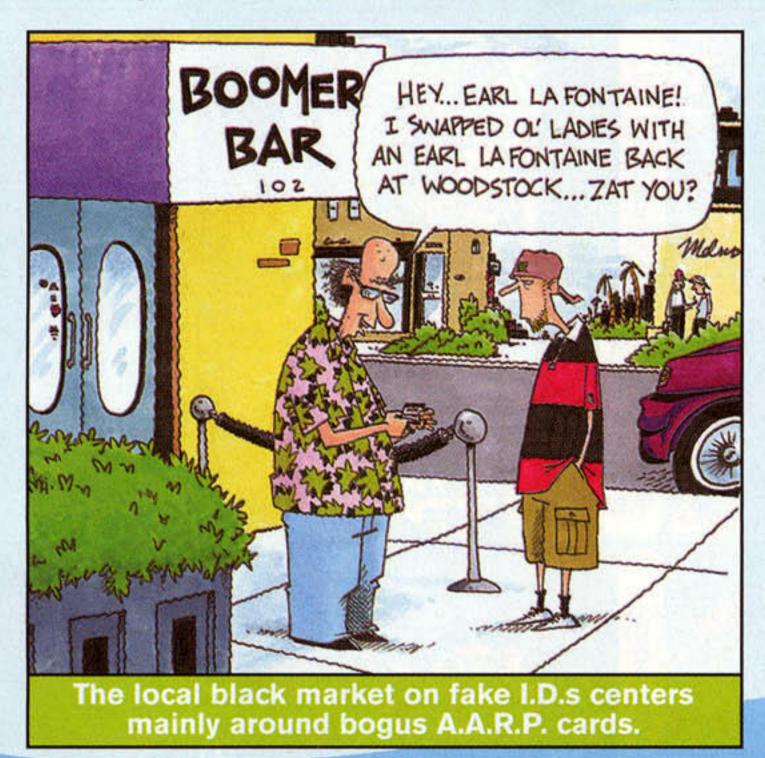






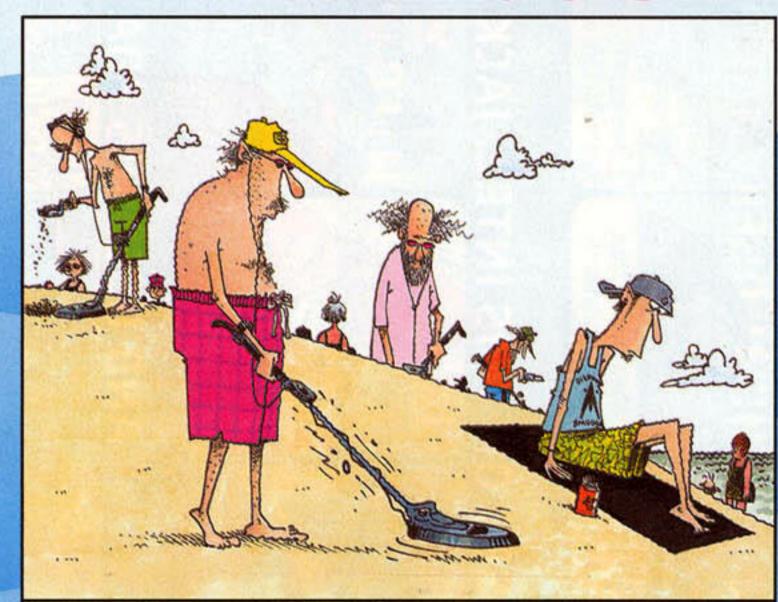
MISTAKE A VACATION DEPT.

Spring Break is a time to cut loose, get wild and have the time of your life. Unfortunately, every Spring Break also includes some bad decisions. But what if the first bad decision you make is in picking your vacation spot! Oh no, Chester, you're in for worse than just a sunburn if you notice...



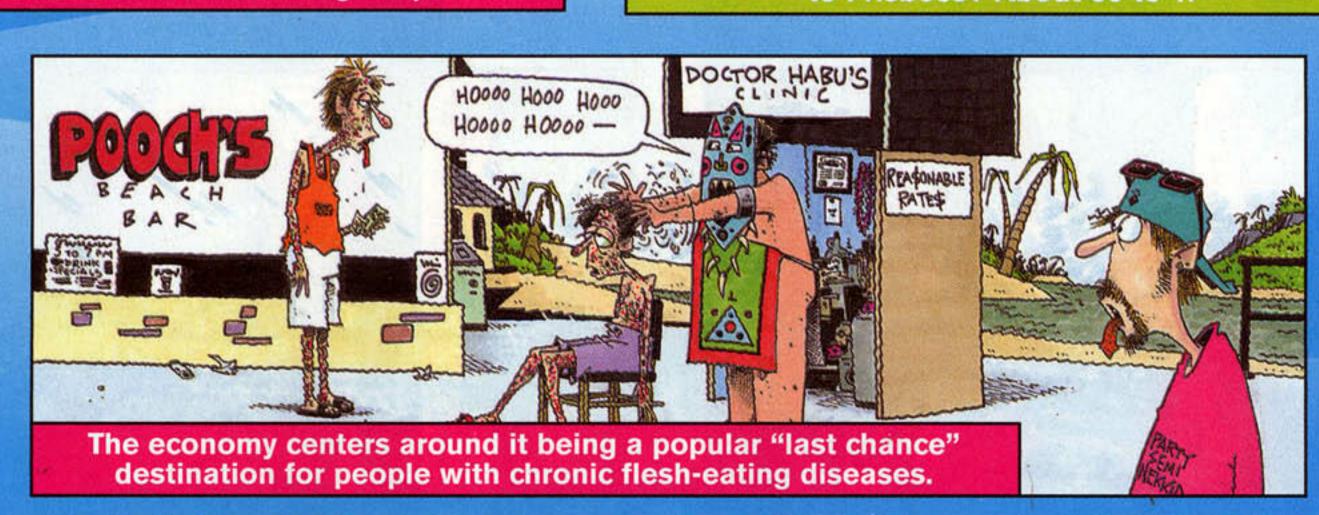


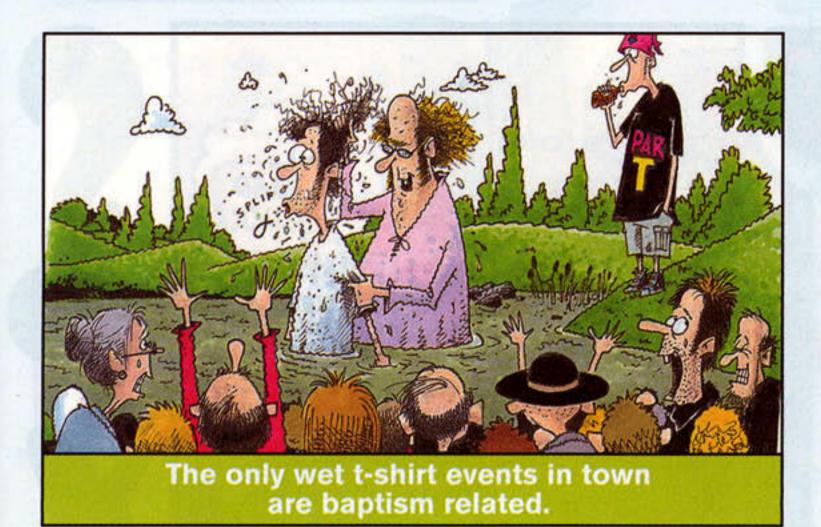
SIGINS you've chosen the Spring Break destination



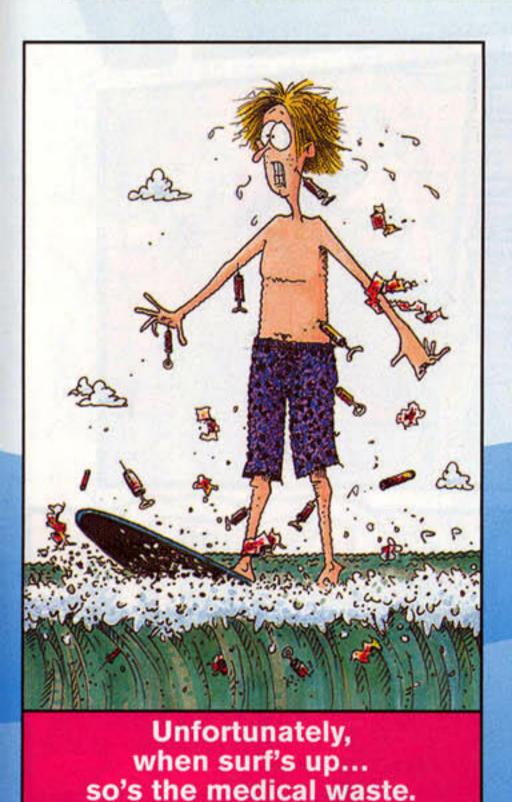
On the beach, the ratio of metal detectors to Frisbees? About 35 to 1.













"Girls Gone Wild" is

synonymous with "Bingo."



Instead of an MTV crew there to capture all the beach action, you see the guy from the *Dirty Jobs* TV show disemboweling a beached walrus.

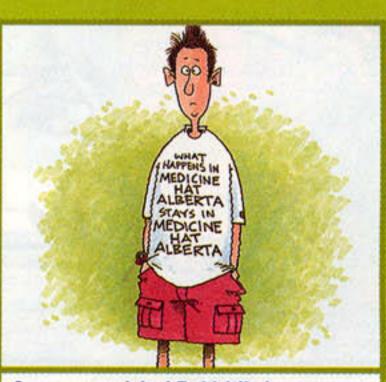
The Dumbest, Lamest, Most Idiotic Spring Break Mementos Ever!



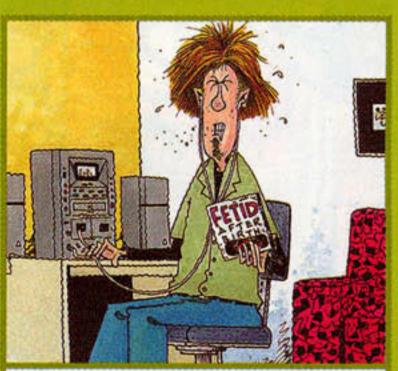
The beach photo keychain of you doing muscle poses which you bought 30 of because the girl selling them was so hot.



A scrapbook full of citations for public urination.

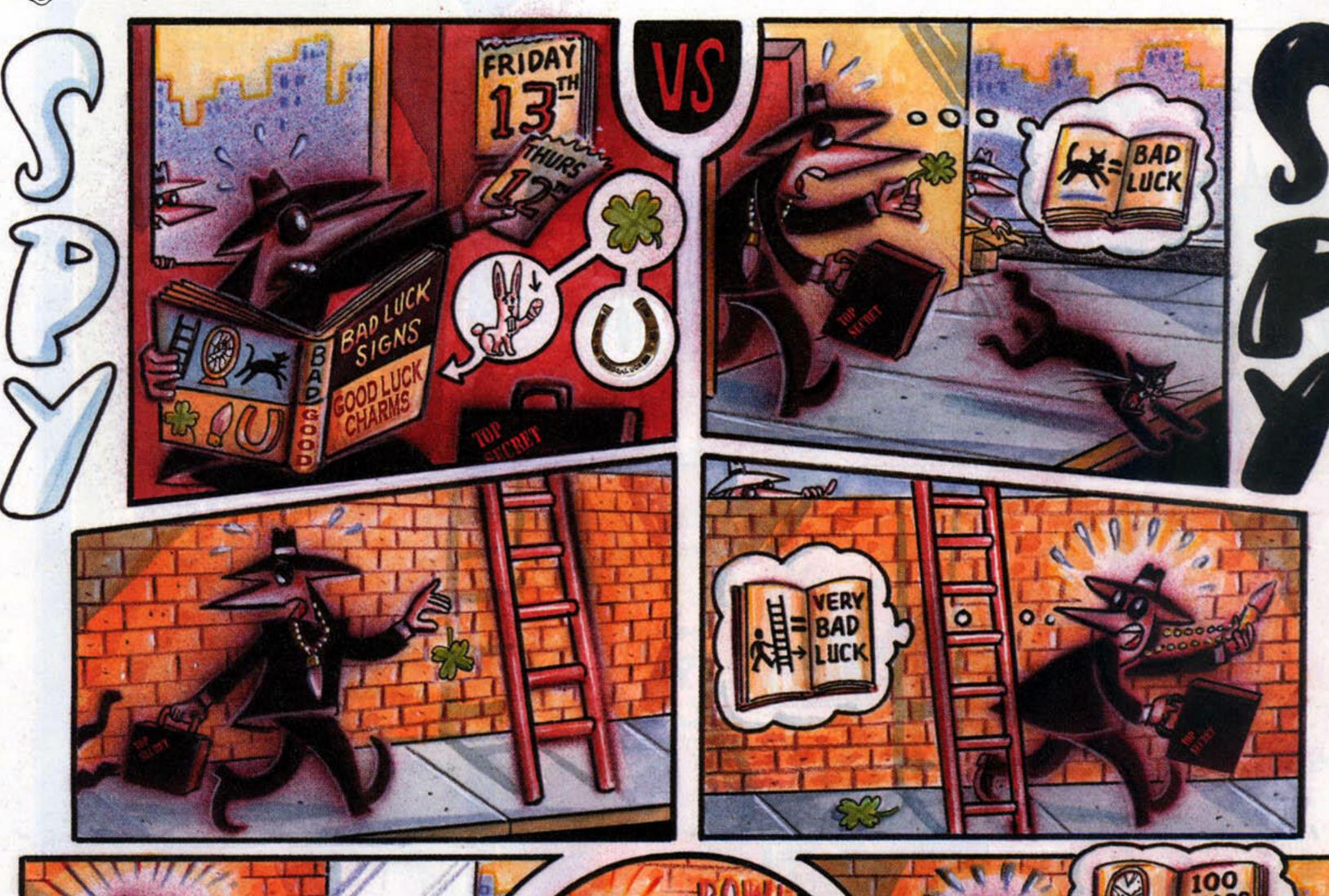


A corny, unoriginal T-shirt that announces to the whole universe that you spent Spring Break someplace really stupid.

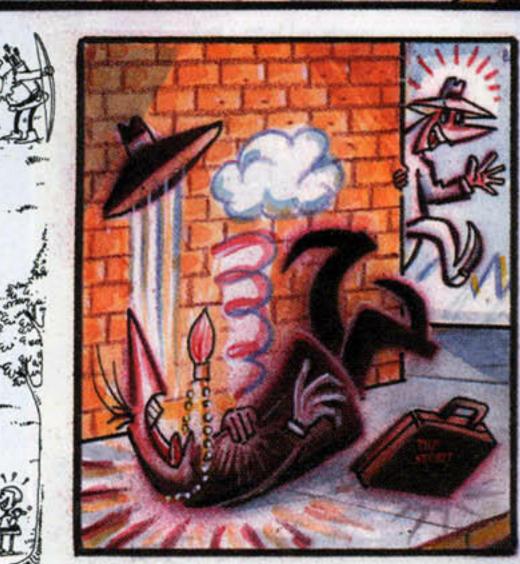


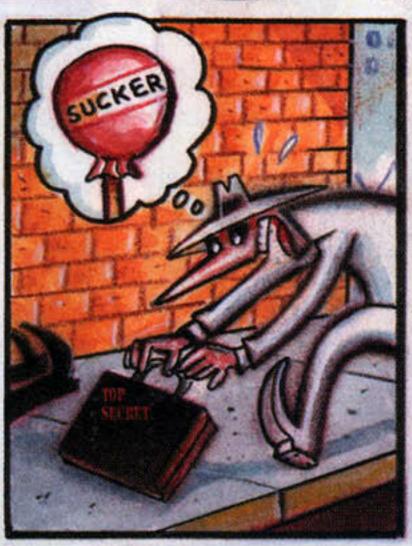
A poorly produced CD by some atrocious local band that, after about four Jägermeisters, you thought was awesome.







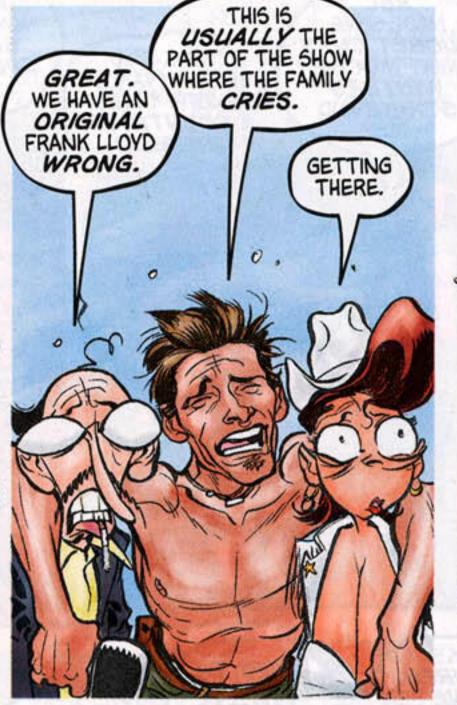








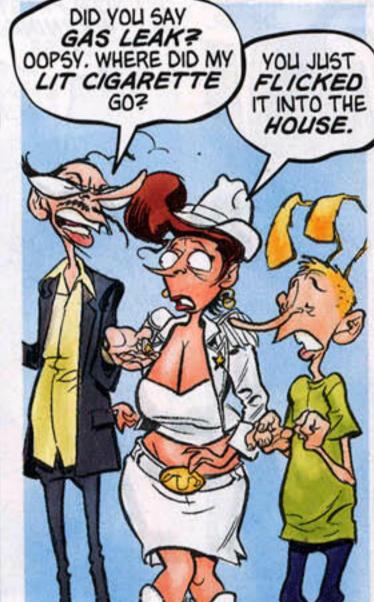


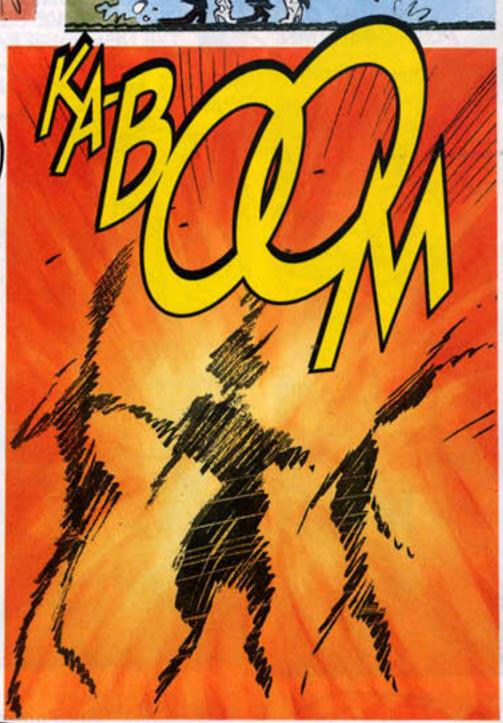






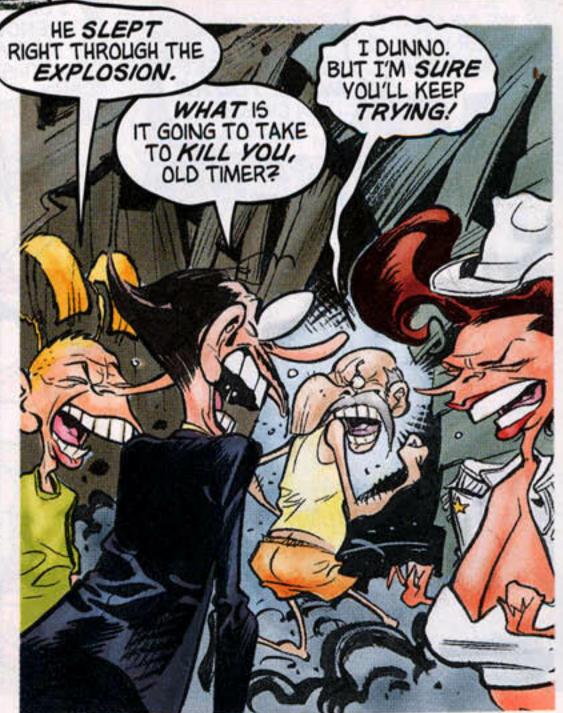






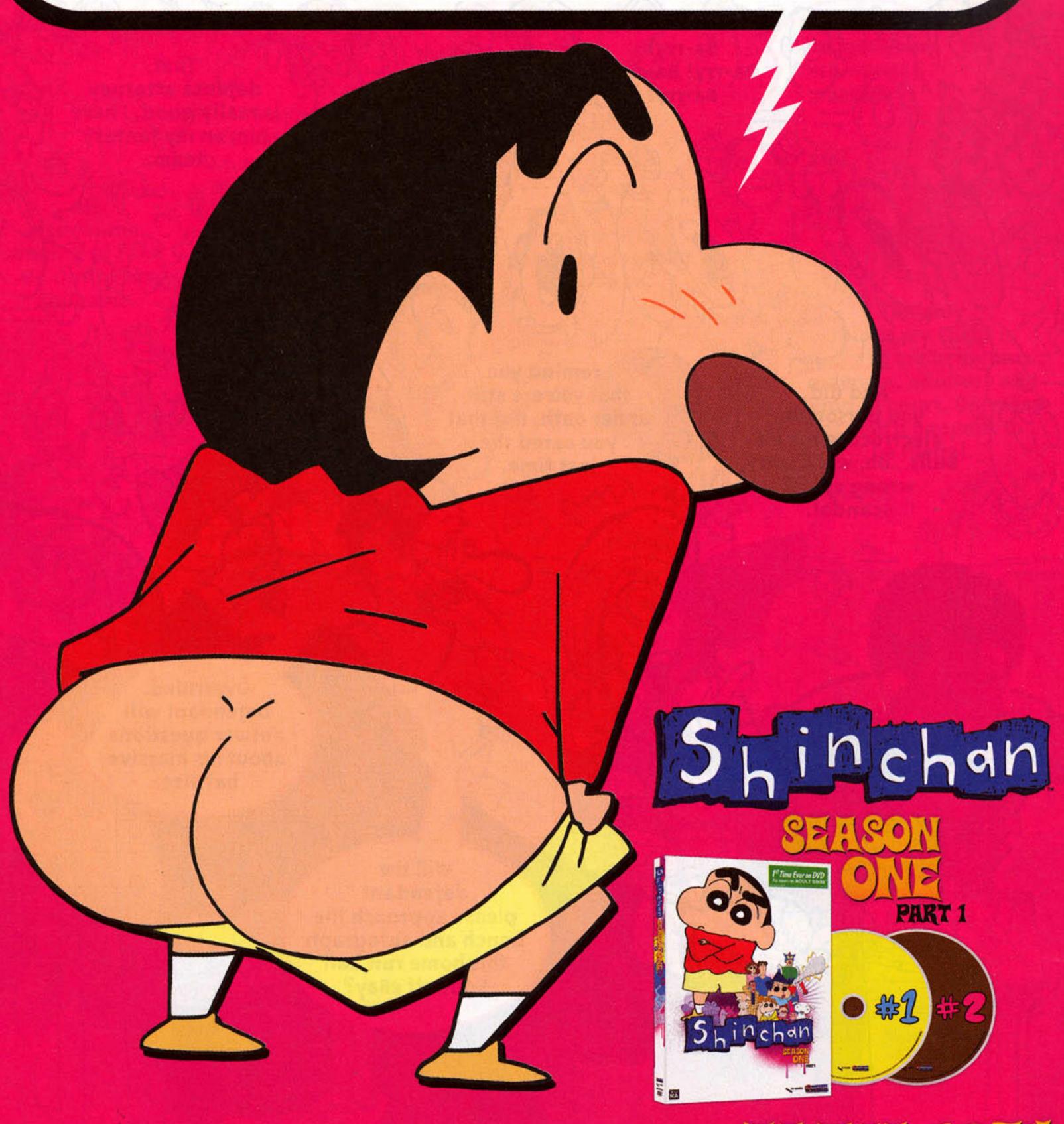




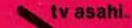




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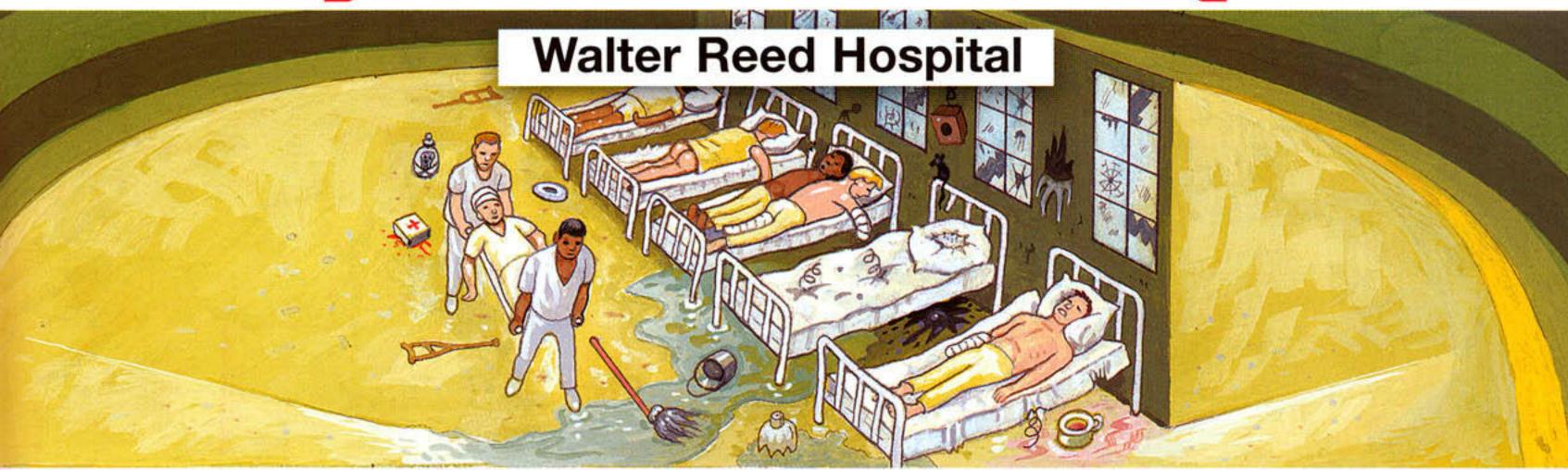
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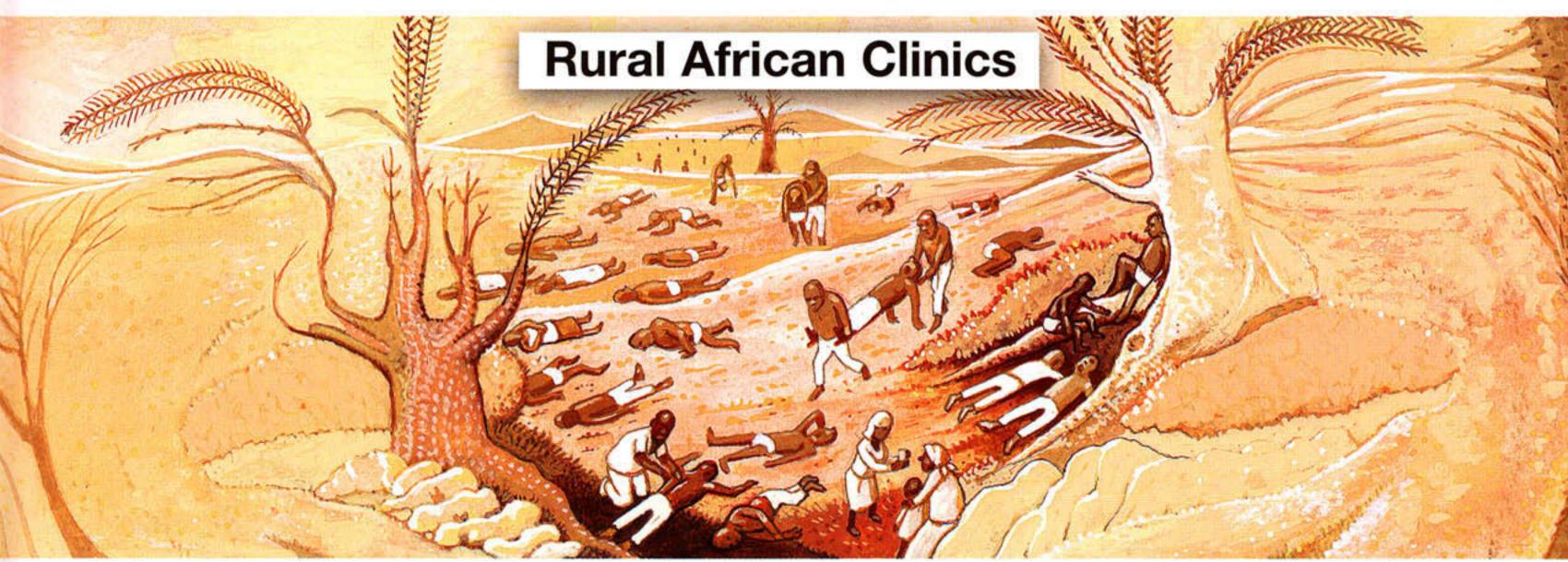
Across the world there are people in desperate need of help. You see it on television all the time — distraught, downtrodden individuals reaching out, begging for assistance and only receiving shoddy, woefully inadequate care. But there is one place in particular where serious problems are unaddressed and mismanaged. To find out where it is, fold page in as shown.



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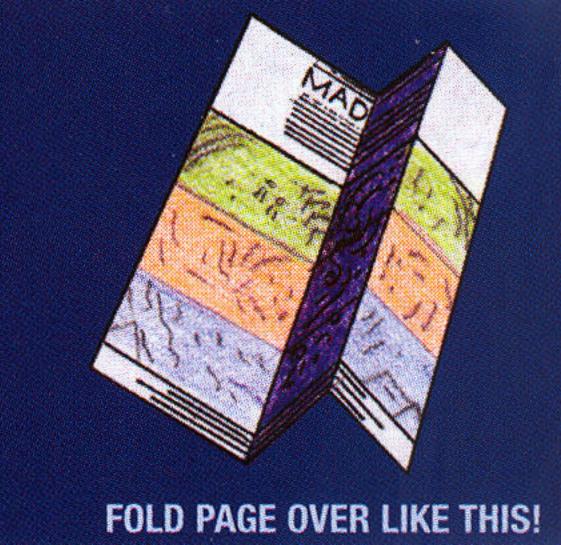




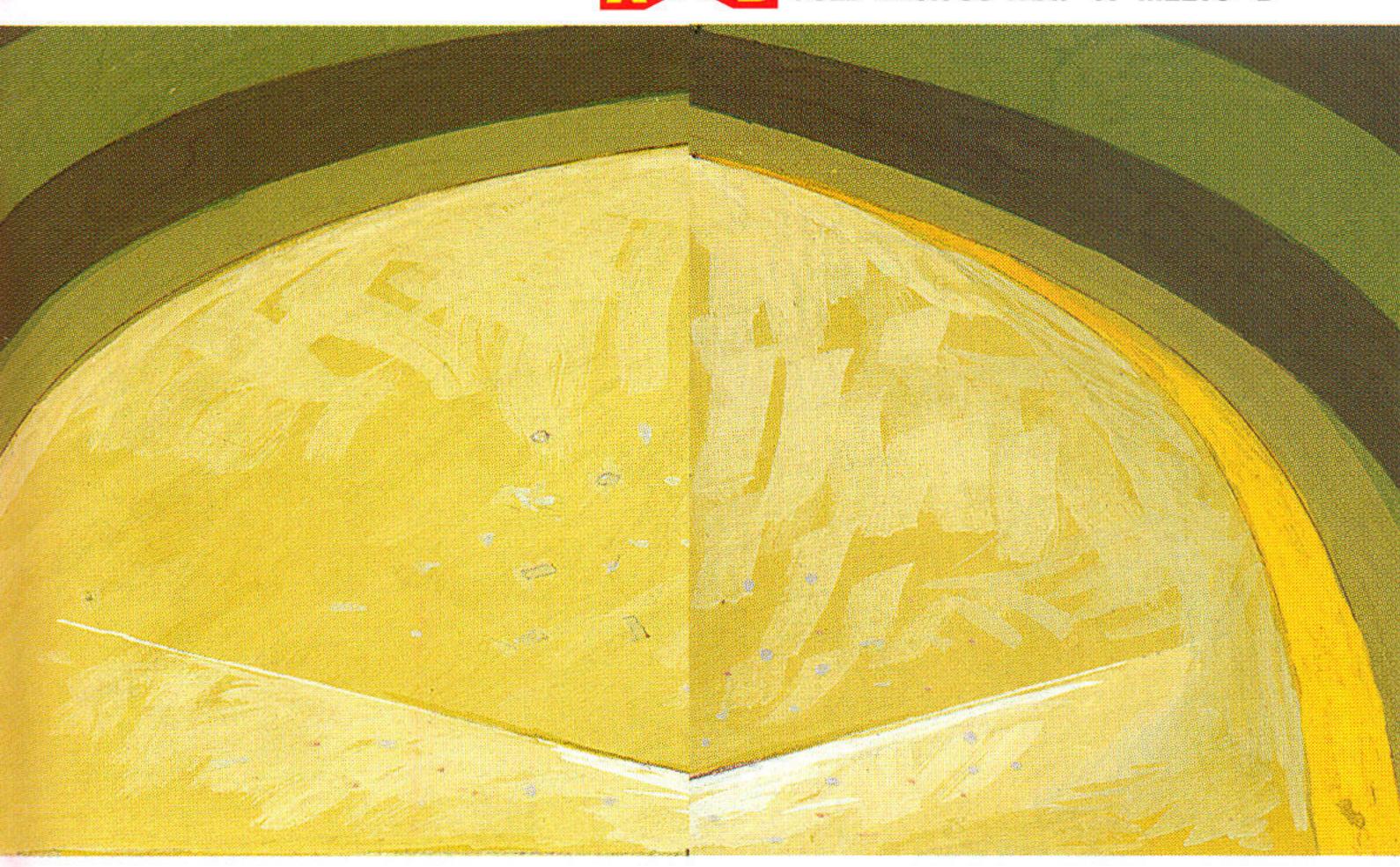
ONE THING PATIENTS CAN COUNT ON IS THE DOCUMENTED RECORD OF LOUSY CARE. EVERY SECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICE IS AFFECTED. EVEN PHILANTHROPISTS' MONEY CAN'T HELP. EVERYBODY'S SURVIVAL IS AT RISK. THIS MUST CHANGE SOMEHOW

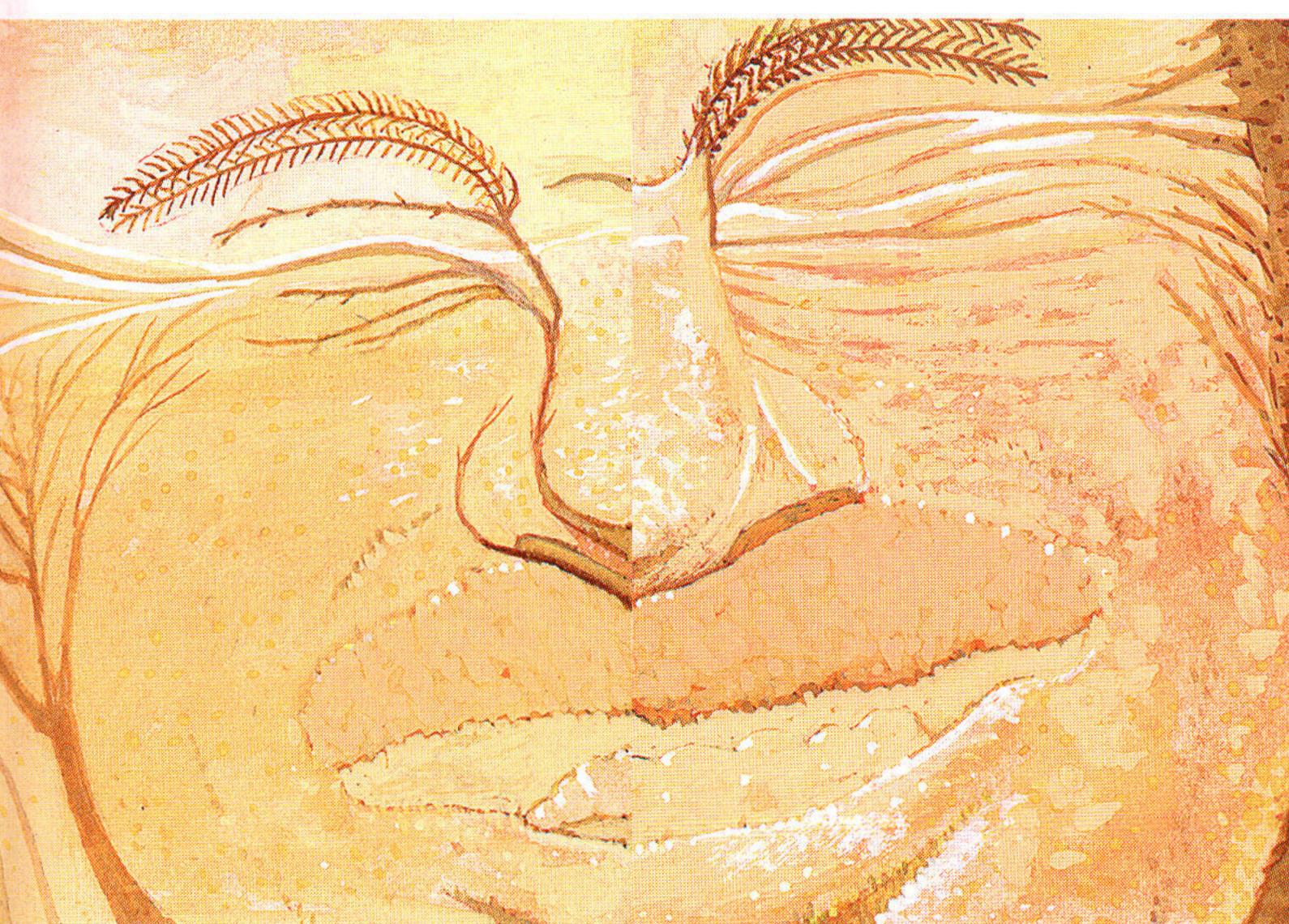


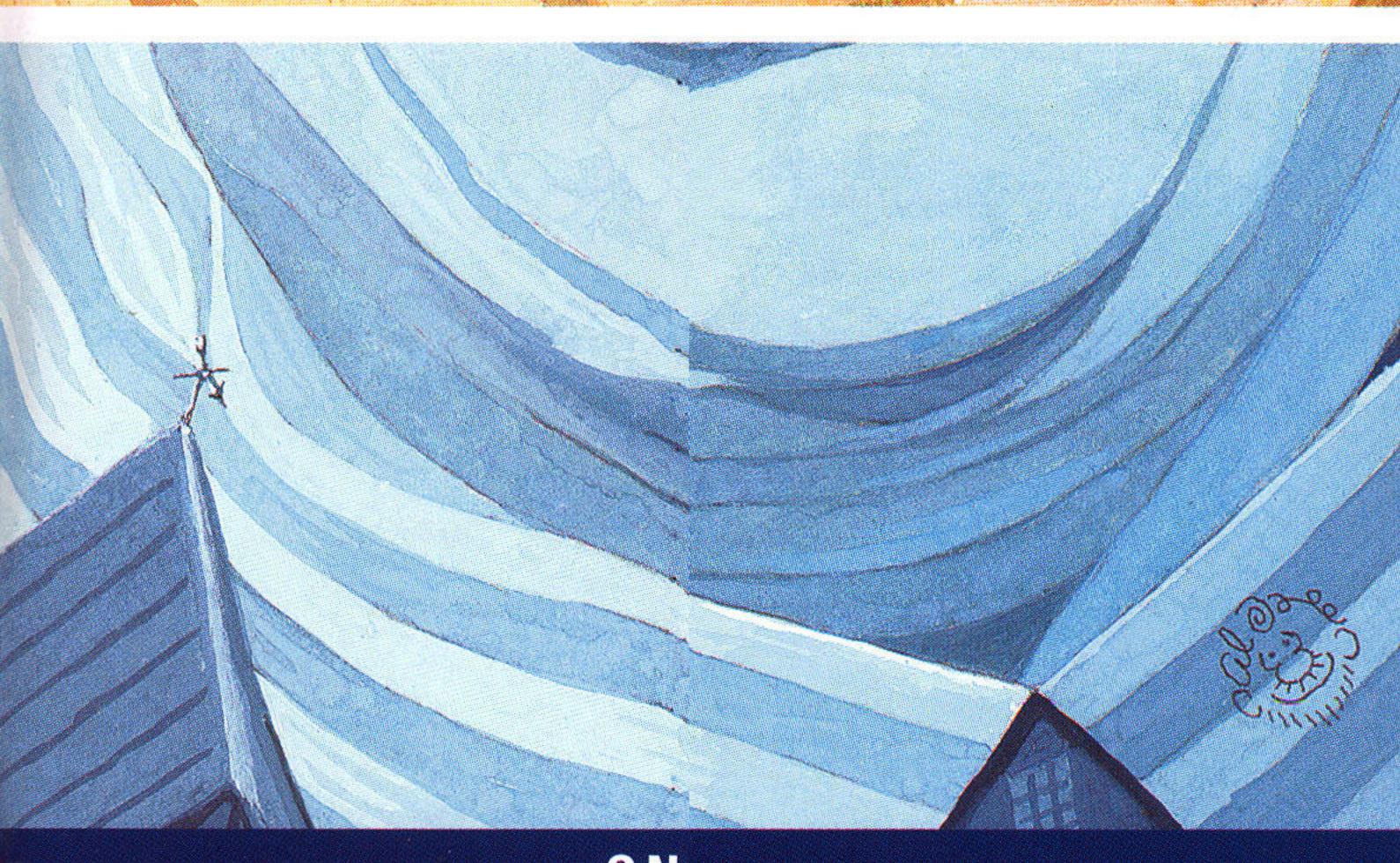
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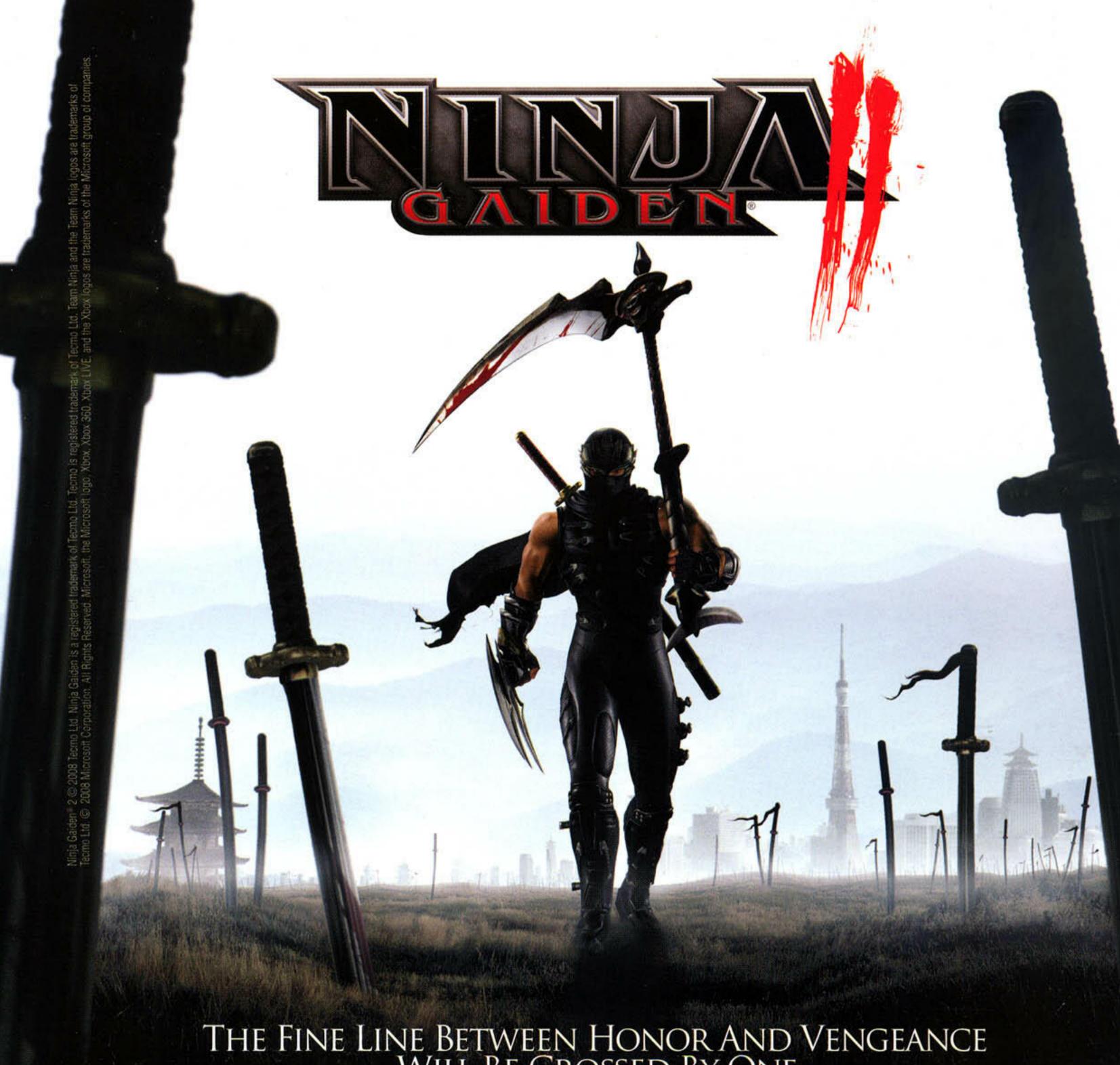






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PHIL'S SHOW



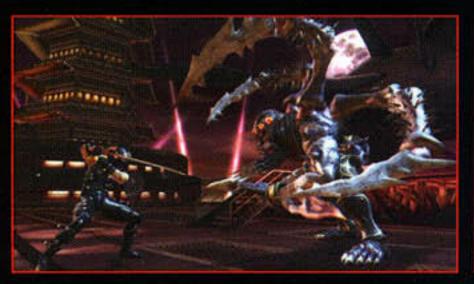
THE FINE LINE BETWEEN HONOR AND VENGEANCE WILL BE CROSSED BY ONE.

Hayabusa returns in the only true sequel to Ninja Gaiden. Exclusively on the Xbox 360. Four difficulty levels, from Acolyte to Master Ninja.

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TECMO **Microsoft** Team NINVA



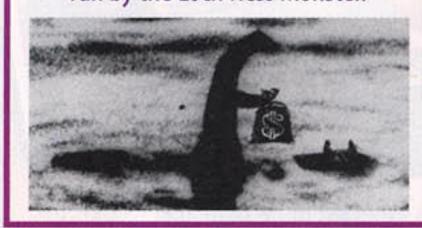
I'M RETIRING!

CHECK OUT MY LISTINGS ON EBAY FOR 50 YEARS WORTH OF BRUTAL
DICTATORSHIP MEMORABILIA.
BEARDYBOY888. I ACCEPT **CASTRO Comments:** PAYAMIGO! MUCHAS GRACIAS FOR BIDDING!

LESS POPULAR CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Yeshiva University, the Israeli government and Mort's Deli in Milwaukee are all run by the Jews.

The Weekly World News was forced to fold by the European banking community when the paper got too close to blowing the lid off of an International Monetary Fund scandal run by the Loch Ness Monster.



Paul McCartney actually did die in the Sixties and was replaced by a lookalike thereby explaining some of the awful songs he sang after going solo.

> Those U.S. attorneys were fired by the Bush Administration because they knew too much about The Sopranos finale and threatened to tell.

> > Traffic lights are really a government program to control drivers by means of electronic devices.

The logo on the Underwood Deviled Ham can is satanic.

Ulysses S. Grant was really America's first woman president, a fact that bigoted portraitists have successfully hidden over the years, though there are clues on the \$50 bill.



Al Gore actually fixed the Florida vote count against himself, because he couldn't bear to host the hated Red Sox at the White House. (Yes, of course the 2004 World Series was fixed well in advance. You didn't know?)

Buddy Holly actually survived his plane crash, got plastic surgery and resurfaced as John Denver (then, tragically, actually did die in a plane crash many years later).

You've never seen a photograph of Dick Cheney standing alongside Idi Amin, and with good reason: they faked the Apollo moon landing together.



WHAT IF **BARACK OBAMA** WERE A ZOMBIE? He would enjoy Oprah Winfrey's full support until he ate her brain The media would ask"Is he Zombie enough?" Exit polls indicate he does well among the undead independents He would be the He'd still be more only candidate endorsed by the New York Times animated than Al Gore AND Fangoria Magazine and less creepy than Mitt Romney

LEAST-LISTED ITEMS ON THE AVERAGE AMERICAN'S "BUCKET LIST"

- 1. Attend a WNBA exhibition game
- 2. Meet the entire cast of a.k.a. Pablo
- 3. Rent the director's cut DVD of The Bucket List
- 4. Eat an actual frozen faux-Philly cheesesteak sandwich from Hot Pockets

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE WRITER DIED BEPORE COMPLETING THIS LIST. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

DEFENSES TO USE WHEN YOU'RE SUED BY THE MUSIC INDUSTRY FOR ILLEGAL DOWNLOADING



YOUR HONOR, SINCE I VOLUNTARILY DOWNLOADED A DAUGHTRY SONG, I MUST BE LEGALLY INSANE.

> HOW COME YOU'RE THE ONL ONES ALLOWED TO SCREW ARTISTS OUT OF

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND - M SRANDMOTHER WAS THE ONE WHO DOWNLOADED ALL THOSE OL' DIRTY BASTARD SONGS!

I...I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO BE SEEN IN PUBLIC BUYING A TOBY KEITH

THREE WEEZER

ALBUMS.



Jenkins might grumble a bit, but he always gets up to give the dog its early-morning walk.



Melvin believes that's one of the beauties of living in a high-rise building

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE POPE'S **VISIT TO YANKEE STADIUM**

- The swinging incense bowl comes in awfully handy when His Holiness enters one of Yankee Stadium's funky men's rooms
 - The Holy Father blesses the water used to water down the beer
- · Five of the elderly Italian Cardinals are mistaken for the Yankees' starting rotation
 - . The entire Yankee infield is absolved of all errors, be they of commission or omission
- A skeptical Derek Jeter listens politely to the Pope's advice on celibacy
 - Fans remember it as the best Cap Day ever!



EASTER CANDIES STILL LEFT ON THE SHELF

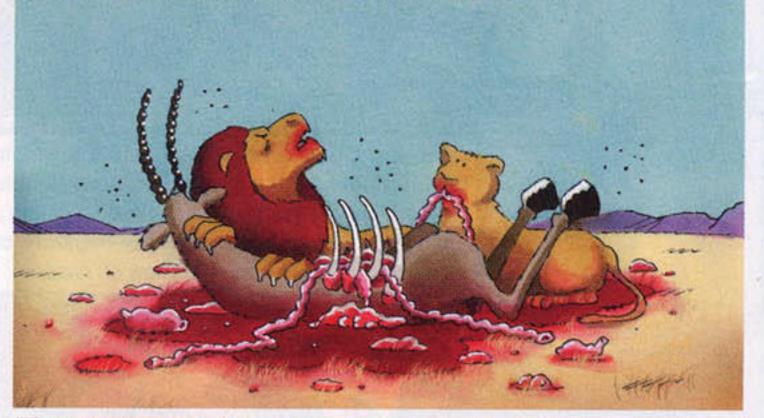
Chocolate **Judas Coins**

Cadbury Egg With Real Hard-Boiled **Yolk Center**

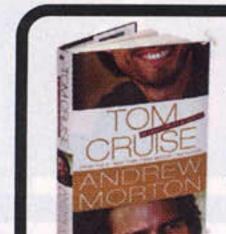
K-Y Jelly Bellies

Pastel-Colored M&M Shells With No Chocolate Center

Sauerkraut Peeps



"There it is again...some kind of weird disembodied voice describing our every move."



REVELATIONS LEFT OUT OF THE TELL-ALL TOM CRUISE BIOGRAPHY

- ·Bought a 7-bedroom mansion in order to accommodate Katie and Suri, plus all his different personalities.
- Once got into a heated argument with Mel Gibson over who is the "Sexiest Lunatic Alive."
- · His online rant was nominated for a YouTube Video Award, but narrowly lost out to a karaoke-singing dog.
- · Briefly flirted with the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster before reaffirming his faith in Scientology.
- ·In addition to opposing antidepressants, he is also violently against chewable vitamins.
 - · He's threatened a lawsuit against anyone reading this list right now.



It's an old rule of writing: Write what you know! And the producers of Christina Applegate's new show have really taken this to heart. They're writing about amnesia, something they must really know! It's obvious they've totally forgotten about cleverness, wit and, heck anything at all to do with good comedy writing. It's no wonder that after watching just one episode, most viewers have been heard to exclaim...

tomantha? WHO CARES

ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

They tell me I'm Slomantha, but who knows?!? I went into a coma after a hit and run accident and now I'm suffering from amnesia! Or am I? I just told you, I can't remember anything!

No. I'm pretty sure I am I I asked the doctor how long my

No, I'm pretty sure I am! I asked the doctor how long my amnesia will last and he told me probably one season. But he said if I milk it for all it's worth, maybe two seasons! He said three seasons would be a miracle of Biblical proportions!

I'm Dr. Derek Shepherd, a.k.a McDreamy from Grey's Anatomy.
I should add one other critical thing to Slomantha's diagnosis.
If she thinks she's the only one with amnesia, just wait! Now that Dancing with the Stars is over and no longer her lead-in, I'm betting thousands of viewers are going to suffer mass amnesia about her and this show in no time! Now I'm leaving — I only stopped in to give a second opinion! My first opinion? This show sucks!

Before her accident, my daughter, Slomantha, was a backstabbing, hard-drinking, potty-mouthed, ruthless bitch! Don't get me wrong, she didn't totally take after me! She had bad qualities, too! We were not very close, but the car accident brought us together. I mean, as soon as I heard she was involved in a hit and run, I came right to the hospital! I would feel awful if she passed on without my saying, "Honey,

sign this Last Will and Testament I wrote up on the way over here!"

I'm Slomantha's dad! I'm not one for words, which is a good thing! Between my big-mouth wife and Slomantha I rarely can get a word in edge-wise anyway! But instead of getting annoyed, I just take my gun and go out into the woods! Sure, sitting in a damp tent, eating beans out of a can while I fight off bugs isn't the most pleasant thing in the world! But trust me — it's a hell of a lot better than staying home with those two nut jobs!



I'm the doorman at the upscale Chicago apartment building where Slomantha used to live. A lot of people treated me like just a doorman! But Slomantha was different! She treated me like a doormat! She was a snotty, obnoxious brat who ignored me and never tipped! But since her amnesia she now treats me like her best friend and confidant! To be honest, I liked it better the other way! Who needs to listen to all her problems! Who does she think I am, Dr. Phil with epaulets? She still doesn't tip, though!

I was Slomantha's neighbor and childhood friend for years and years. In the seventh grade we started to drift apart. It was little things, like Slomantha telling me I was fat and ugly and that she never wanted to talk to me, ever again! As a kid, those innocent things can be hurtful! Hopefully Slomantha's amnesia wiped out all those negative thoughts and I can rekindle our old friendship! Once that's done, well, it will be time for me to try and run her down! This time, for good! Revenge is sweet!

I'm Odd, Slomantha's long-suffering ex-boyfriend! I can't believe a hit and run accident left Slomantha with no memory of our rocky relationship and its excruciating end! But being a nice guy, I hope she pulls through! But if she does, I also hope she doesn't remember all the great clothes and jewelry she left at my apartment! Giving her stuff away as gifts to my new girlfriends has been the only good thing to come out of our relationship!

As Slomantha's best friend, this is a tragic turn of events! Slomantha doesn't remember that we worked together! Even worse, she doesn't remember we were best club-hopping tramps together! I couldn't stand to lose her friendship! I don't know where else I could find a shallow, mega-bitch like her! She's everything I admire in a friend!



A joke's a joke, right? Wrong! Even with the same joke, different comedians will bring different tone, timing, and delivery to it! Of course, that doesn't mean it's ever funny — as you'll see with...

WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?

I saw the other day — and I kid you not — a chicken trying to cross the road. It may have, in fact, been a great time for road crossing...if you were a f**kin' car! But a chicken? A f**kin' chicken?!? Are you f**kin' kidding me? What is this chicken doing near a road? How did this happen? When did chickens decide to travel by road? Shouldn't they be traveling — oh, I don't know...near the farm?!? The next time I see a chicken trying to cross the road, I'm going to take a *spoon* and shove it in my *eye*! Because at least that would actually make sense!

So the other day I saw this, this chicken, just standing in the middle of nowhere. Which was a, a little weird. And the first thing I thought was, "Why is there a chicken?" Because here's this chicken, but it could have been a turkey or a duck or a Canadian goose or something, but it's a chicken and it looks like it's about to cross. And as I'm thinking all these things, this, this bird is standing right next to a road and it's gesturing with its foot — or is it a claw? — whatever it is, it's heading into the street, so I carefully scoop it up. And I get to thinking, "Where did this chicken come from?" These things aren't from the suburbs. That's when I realize that not only is my little neighbor's birthday party not going well, but his parents aren't getting the deposit back on that petting zoo they rented.

Why did the chicken cross the road? I mean, what

was this fowl doing trying to cross the street? For

what reason was this soon-to-be-in-a-KFC-value-meal

crossing a busy intersection filled with vehicles? You

have gallus gallus domesticus — or GGD, as I like to

call it — this GGD trying to transverse the street

meeting point, if you will, and no one knows why.

Thank you!

Hey, this is a good one. I don't know if you guys heard, but the other day a chicken was spotted crossing the road. The cops, after capturing the stray chicken, said that the chicken was set loose in an act of fowl play. Thank you, thank you... but the real trouble began when the chicken couldn't set bail, because his nest egg had already been liquidated. Kevin knows what I'm talking about!

WRITER: HARRISON GREENBAUM

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ARTIST: JASON SEILER

LARRY THE CABLE GUY

I ain't told nobody 'bout this yet, but I gots this

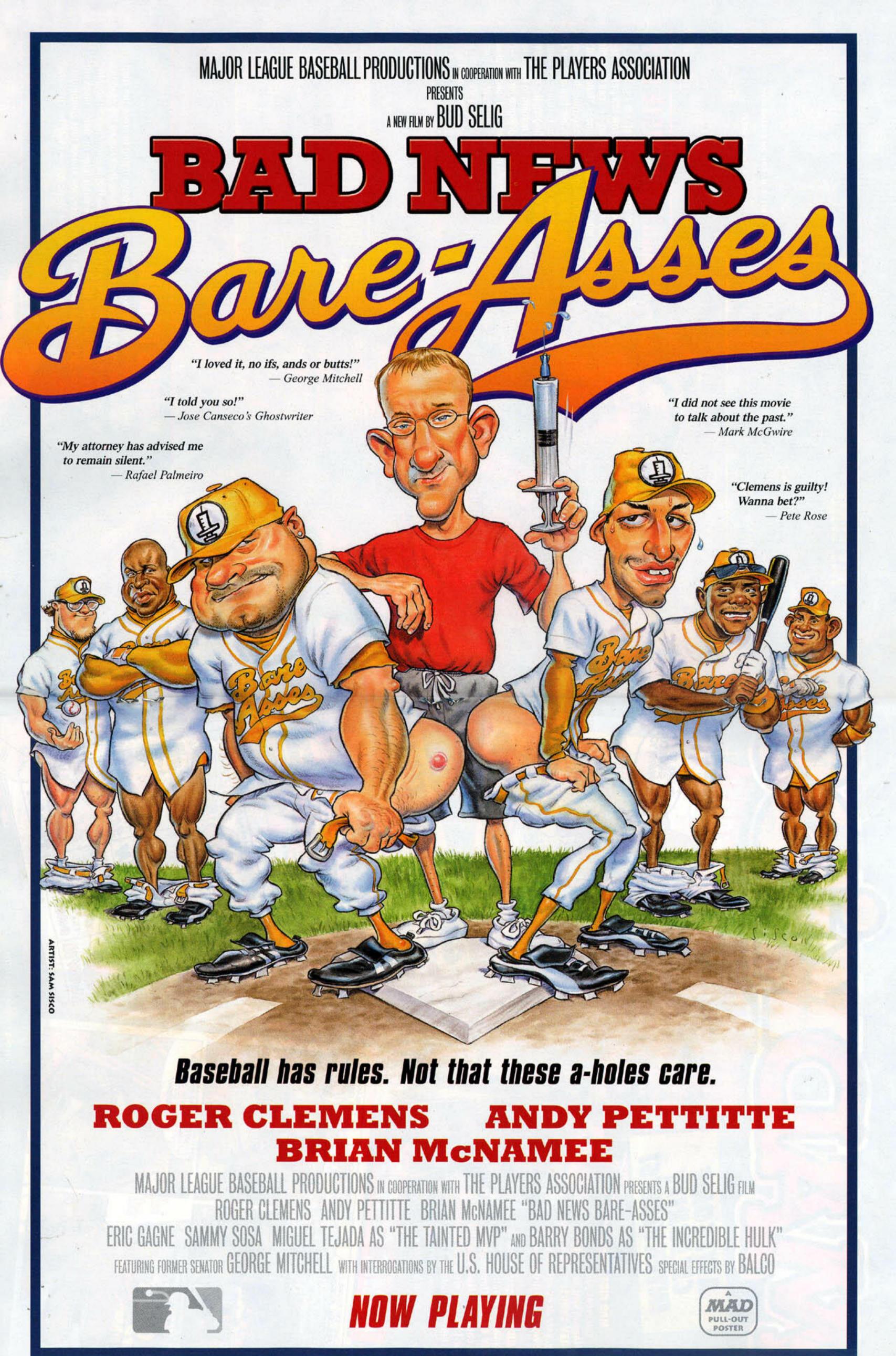
chicken back home. I like to name ma pets after the places I intend for them to go, so I call this little critter, "Belly." Nah, nah...his name is "Toilet." That's not right...don't laugh at that...so Toilet here tried to escape one day and I catch him trying to get a ride from some stranger. Fortunately, I had just eaten chicken fingers the other day, so he didn't have nothing to hitchhike with! Lord I apologize for that that's not right...but Toilet is always trying to cross the road, so I just opened a KFC across the street scared him right back into the

coop! GIT-R-DONE!

New rule: from now on, if chickens want to cross the road, at least make it challenging. My brave feathered friends, I dare you to try to cross a road in Iraq. If you can find a way to get around all of the civilian casualties, destroyed infrastructure, and dead American soldiers, then the Republicans may just have a job for you.

There was this beaner chicken, man, who was always trying to cross the road. 'Course, if this chicken was a full Mexican, he'd have the crossed the road in a car filled with 30 other Mexican chickens! But this beaner chicken couldn't cross the road because this farmer, see, he put a huge ol' fence blocking his way. What a DEE-dee-dee! I mean, everyone knows that climbing a big fence is easy for Mexicans — even the chickens.*

> *Portions of this joke were taken from the acts of Joe Rogan, George Lopez, Bill Cosby and others.



SPY VS. SPY JR.! GOOFY GAGS! AWESOME CELEBRITY INTERVIEWS! GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO MY PEEPS, YO! REVERSIN' SURFIN'

MAD KIDS: When you wear your Hannah wig, is it itchy? MILEY CYRUS: It's definitely very, very itchy and very hot and sweaty and gross. Ha!

MAD KIDS: Pop quiz. What is the capital of Montana? MILEY CYRUS: Ummmmmm... the capital is...Nashville? Ha ha ha. I have no idea...I've never been to Montana. I don't even know one thing about Montana.

COMIC STRIPS!





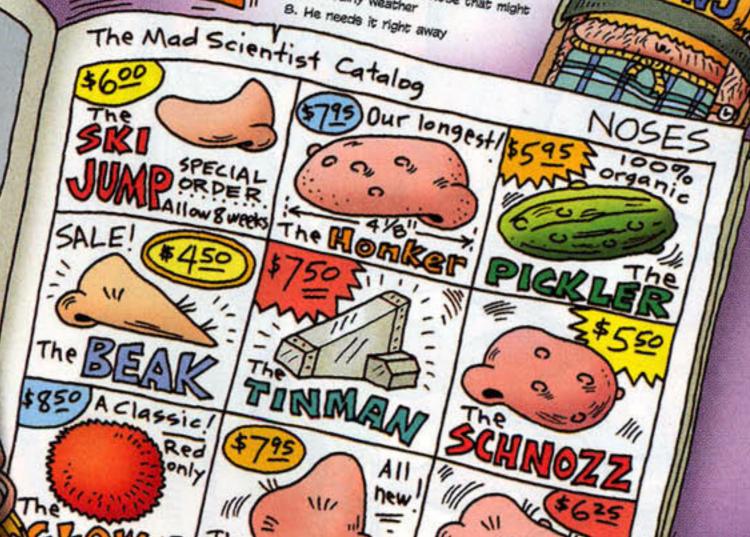






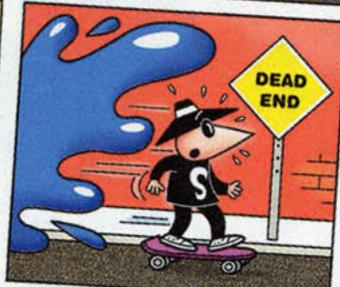


Dr. Stankenfrine needs to pick the perfect nose for his latest monster, but it has to meet all of his rather odd requirements. Using the clues, can you figure out which one he'll pick? . He's allergic to vegetables 2. He can't spend over 98 3. The nose can't have an X, Y, or Z but it can't have both hair and warts 5. It can't be more than 4 inches long /. He doesn't want a nose that might 8. He needs it right away















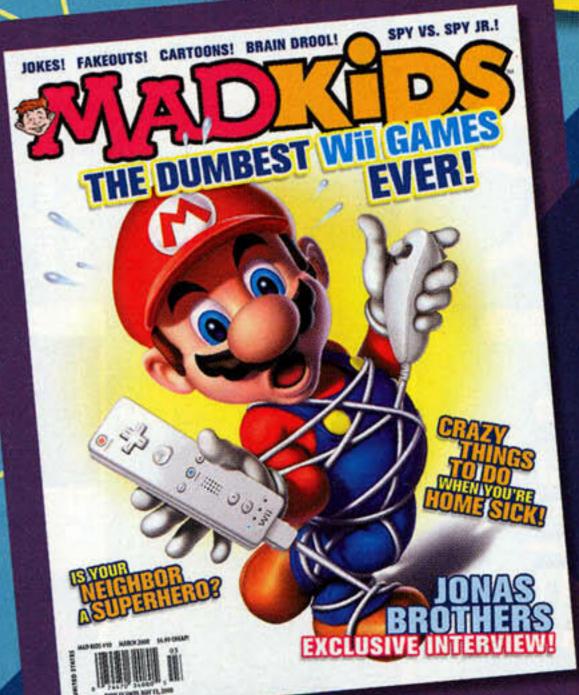












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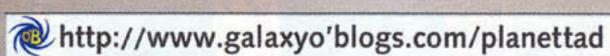
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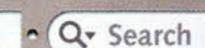














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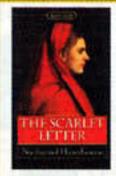
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[4 April|03:21pm]

[mood| annoyed]



After English class today, Miss Engel asked me to stay behind. She's in charge of the school play, and she said she thought I'd be perfect for it. I told her I wasn't really interested, and then she told me that only three boys have signed up for the play this year, and she needs at least four more. And then she pointed out that my grades this quarter have been pretty lousy, because I kind of skipped reading The Scarlet Letter and then tried to make up for it by watching the movie, but I accidentally rented The Scarlet Pimpernel instead, and there's a big difference between the two.







And then she said how much she'd hate to see me have to do summer school, and that my being in the play might make her feel like "accidentally" increasing my grade a little.

So I said yes.

I think I got blackmailed by a teacher. I didn't even know they were allowed to do that.

[8 April|06:17pm]



[mood| anxious]

So, today, I had my audition for the play. It's called Our Town, and we all did a scene as the main character, George. The play's about how George falls in love with a girl named Emily, and she dies. Spoiler alert. Sorry.

To get a small part, I tried to act as bad as I could, so I pretended I was Ashton Kutcher. But three of the other guys also didn't want to be there, so they did even worse. Ben Irvin pretended he didn't understand how scripts work, so he kept reading his character name at the beginning of his lines, saying things like "George" hello" and "George thank you." Mike Fine pretended he had a stutter for his whole audition. And Noah Simon whispered all his lines, which drove Miss Engel nuts.

The cast list goes up tomorrow. I really want to just be, like, "Townsperson Number Two," but really, just so long as I'm not George, I'll be happy.

[9 April|03:03pm]

Well, the list is up, and I'm George.

Crap. I knew I should've acted like Ryan Phillippe.





Meanwhile, one of the three guys who actually wanted to be in the play was so angry that I got the part that he quit. Miss Engel said that was OK — she'll just recast his part with a girl, so the townsperson named Sam is now called Samantha.

[11 April|04:27pm]

[mood| scared]



Today, Jay Shepard, who's a huge senior and the captain of the lacrosse team, bumped into me in the hallway, twice. I couldn't figure it out, then I remembered that Jay's girlfriend, Abigail Wallace, is playing Emily. Who I kiss during the play.

So I guess Jay is jealous. The funny part is, I don't even like Abigail. She always smells like onions, and she's got a lazy eye, so when you talk to her, it's like she's looking at someone who's behind and a little to the left of you. It's creepy.



[14 April|04:12pm]





[mood| scared-er]

Today we had the first read-through of the play. Jay Shepard sat in the audience staring at me the whole time and swinging his lacrosse stick, which kind of made it hard to concentrate on the play. I was really nervous when it came to the part where we're supposed to kiss, but I guess Abigail didn't want to kiss me, either, because instead of doing it, she just said, "Mwah!"

Meanwhile, Mike Fine slipped on the ice and broke his collarbone. Miss Engel gave his part to another one of the girls, so the character of Joe is now Josephine.

[17 April|08:55pm]

The good news is, I figured out that if you just focus on Abigail's right eye, it's almost as if she's looking right at you.

The bad news is, Noah Simon and Fred Carter are both out of the play -Noah's family moved, and Fred got suspended for cheating. But Miss Engel says it's OK. She promoted two more girls, and the parts of Simon and Howie are now Simone and Holly.

[21 April|05:39pm]



[mood| nervous]

OK, we're four days away from opening, and the play's getting a little weird now. Ben Irvin, who played George's father, can't be in it because he has to go to his Grandma's funeral. And Eddie Lee, who played Emily's father, fell off the stage and broke his leg. So Miss Engel decided that both George and Emily's fathers are now dead, and assigned all their lines to their mothers. The girls who played their mothers tried to complain, but Miss Engel looked really frantic, so they kept their mouths shut.

I'm the last boy left in the play. Miss Engel told me to be very, very careful for the next few days. I didn't tell her that there's a 50/50 chance I'll be impaled on a lacrosse stick before opening night.

[22 April| 09:22pm]



[mood| sleepless]

I don't know what I expected the first time I kissed a girl to be like, but I'm pretty sure it didn't involve doing it onstage, in front of an audience, including her angry boyfriend, while ignoring her lazy eye, in order to get a passing grade in English.

[23 April|03:14pm]

Whoo hoo! It's a miracle! Jay Shepard wasn't at rehearsal today! I don't know where he was, but I kissed Abigail, and it all went fine! (Except that she smelled like onions, which was gross.)



[27 April|11:53am]

[mood| puking]



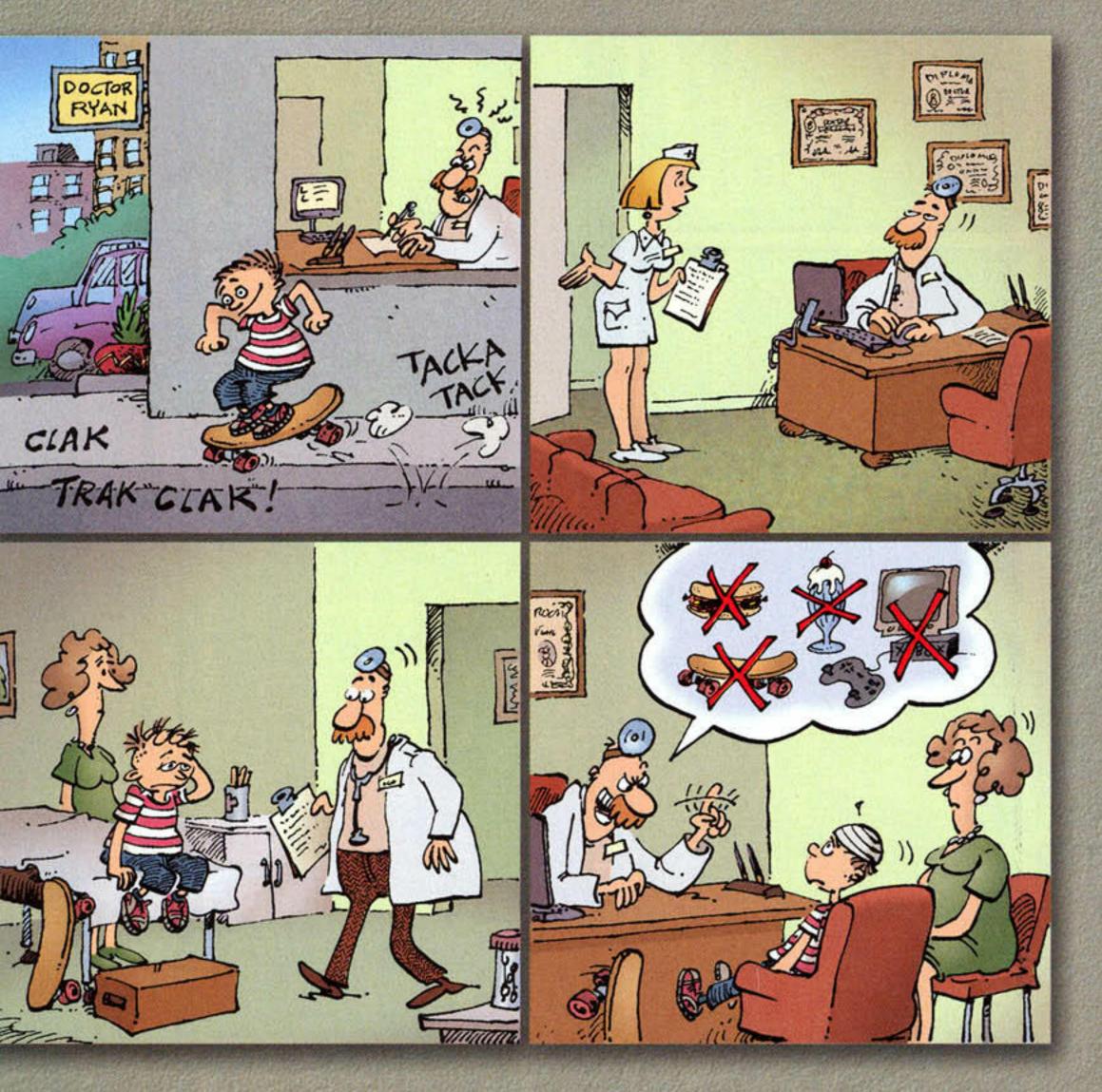
Sorry I haven't written in a few days. I've been sick with stomach flu. I guess that's why Jay Shepard wasn't at rehearsal the other day — he was sick. Abigail didn't come down with it, but she managed to pass it on to me when we kissed. I spent the last few days doing nothing but puking. Miss Engel tried to make me come in and appear in the play — she said they'd put buckets at both sides of the stage for me - but my parents told her no.

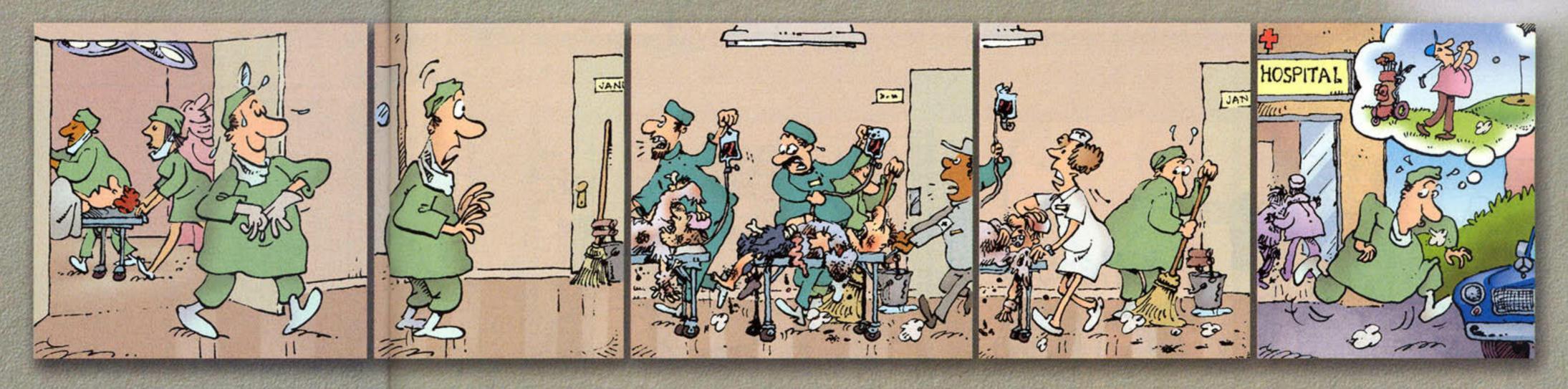
Chuck went to the play, and he said it was a little weird. Miss Engel came out at the beginning and announced, "This play is set in a town where all the men have been abducted by aliens, and Abigail read all my lines, preceded by, "If George were here, I bet he'd say this right now:"

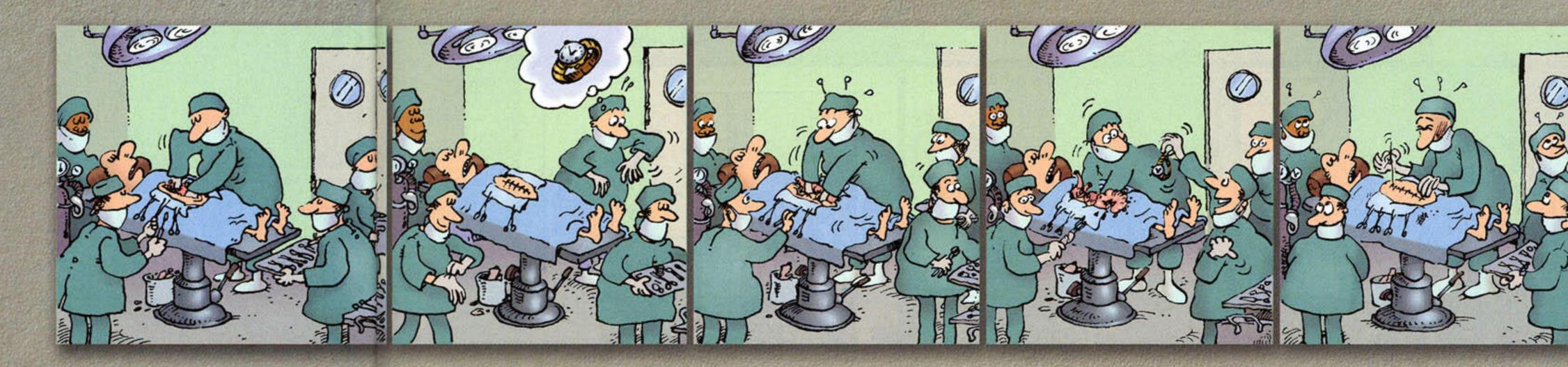
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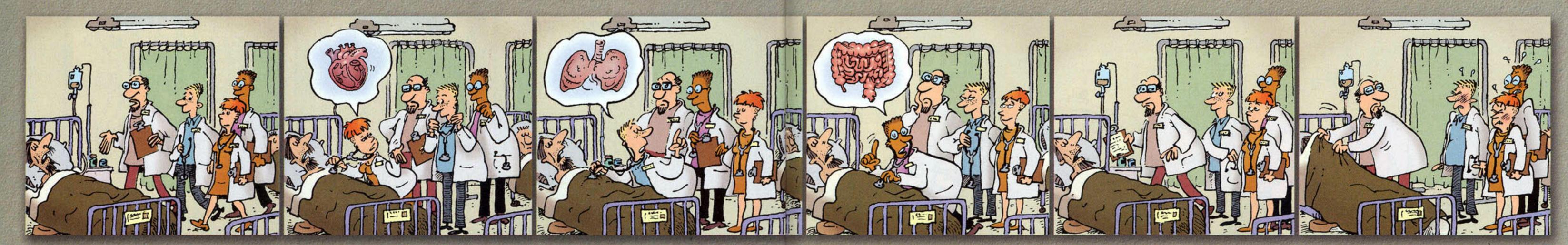
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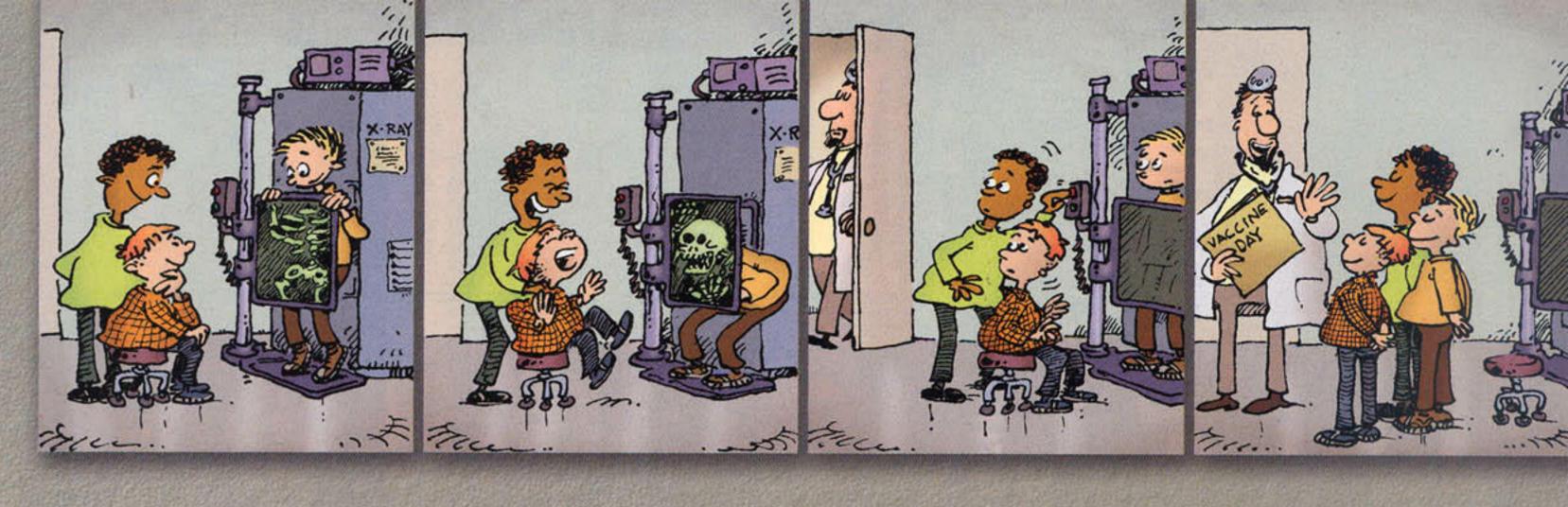


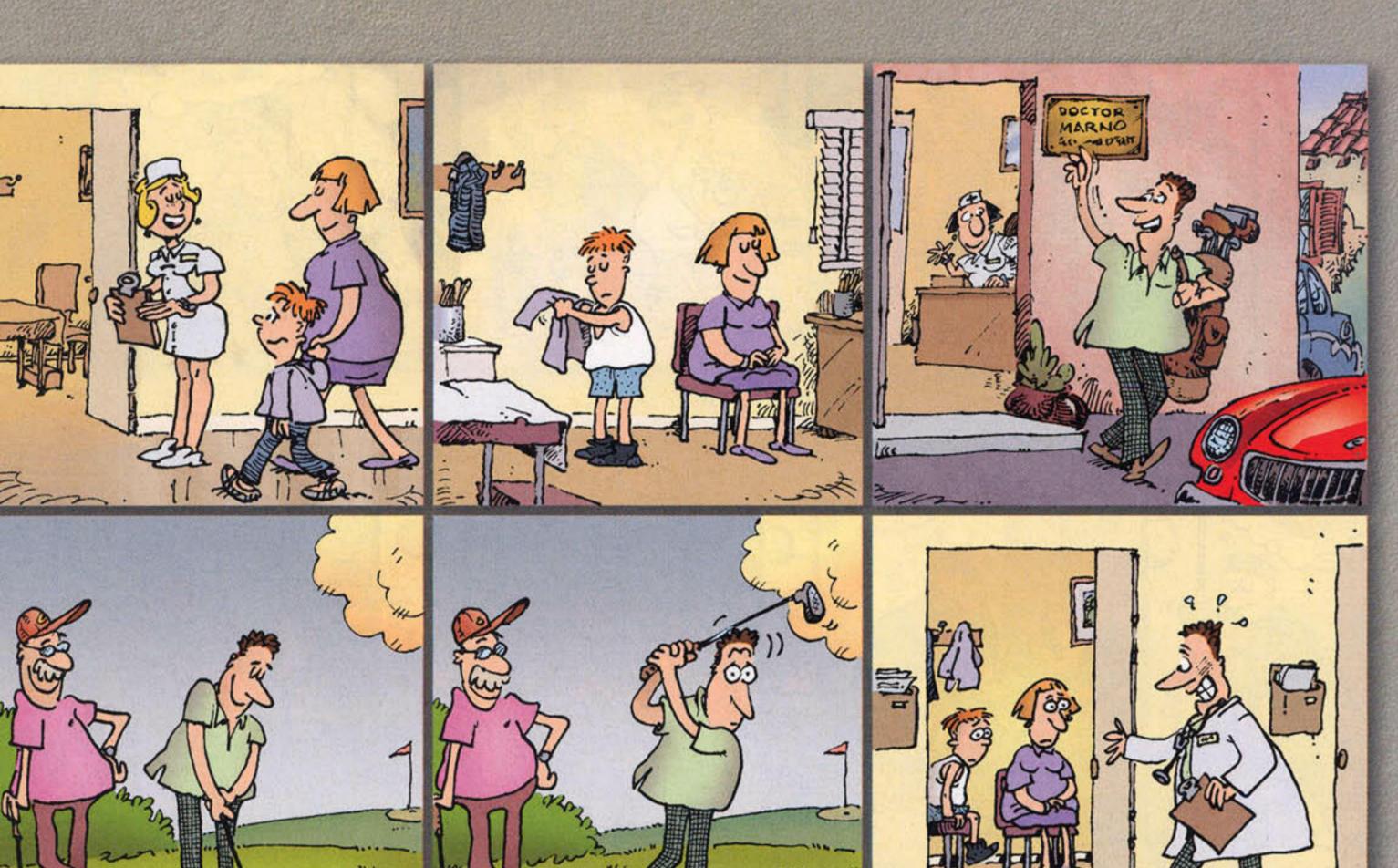


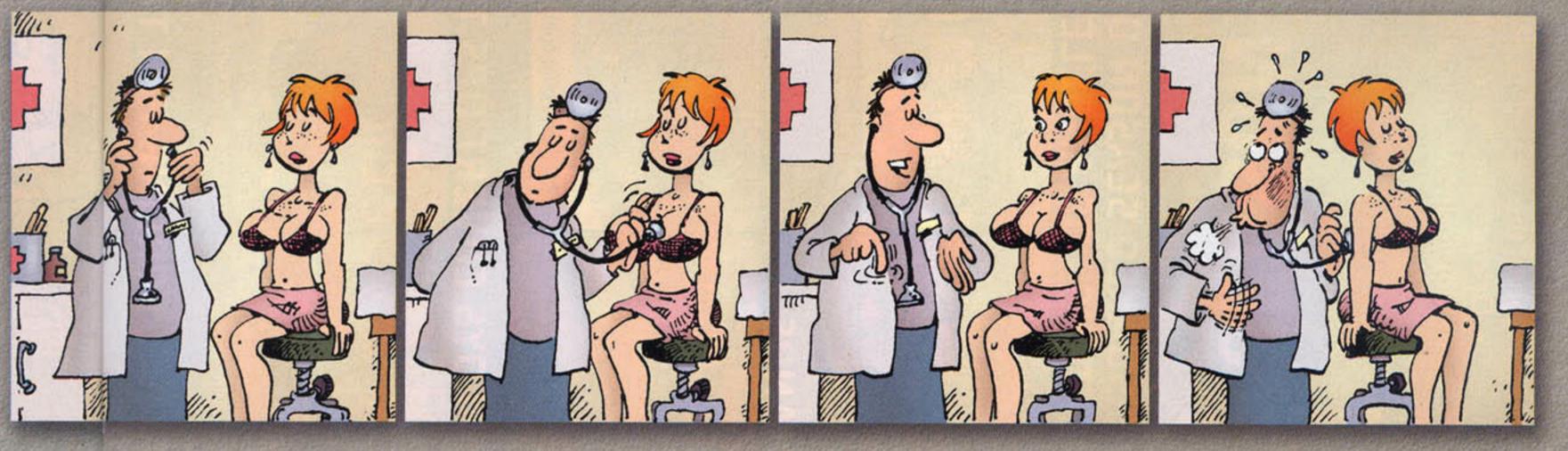
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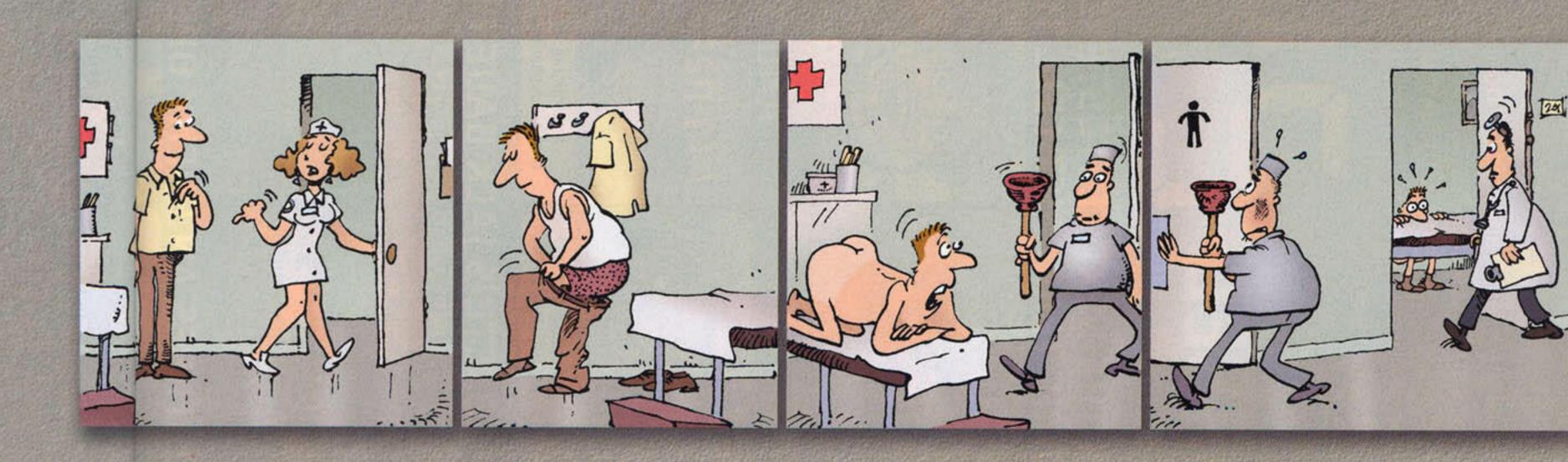


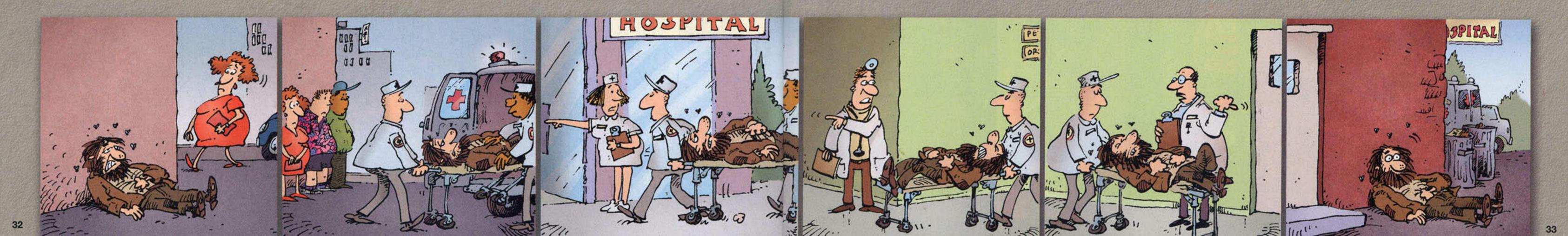












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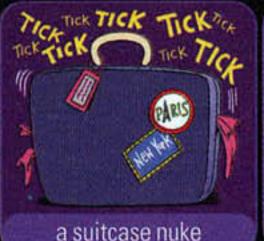
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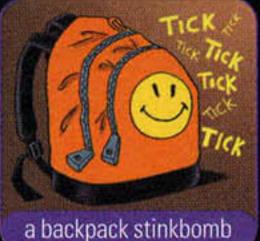


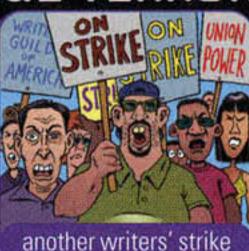
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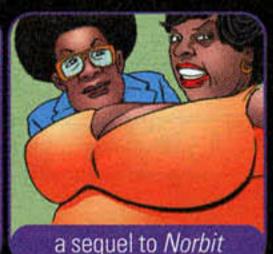




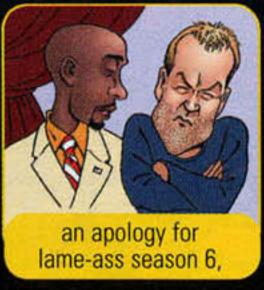






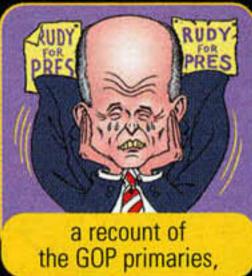


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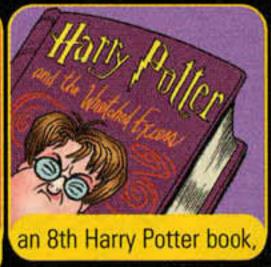








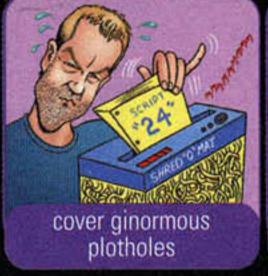






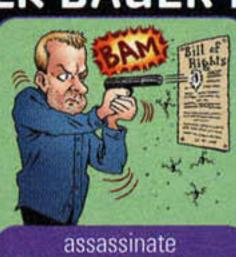


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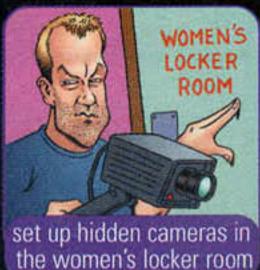


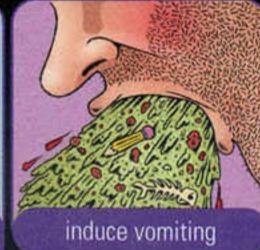


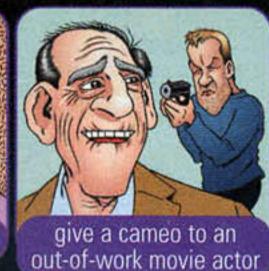


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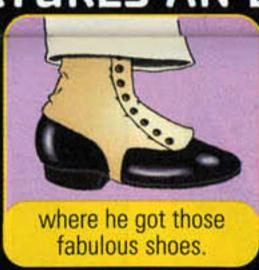


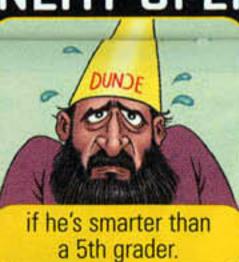


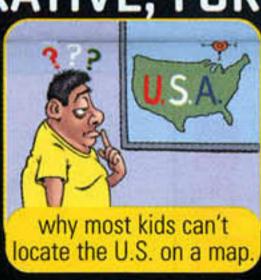
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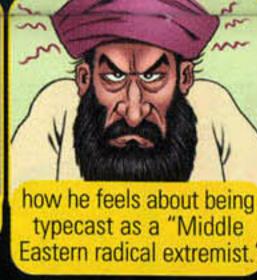






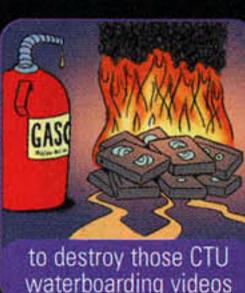




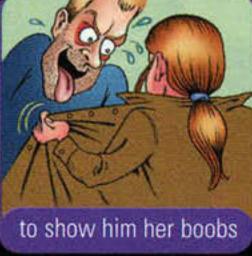




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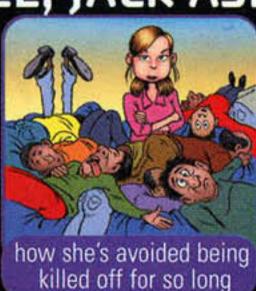


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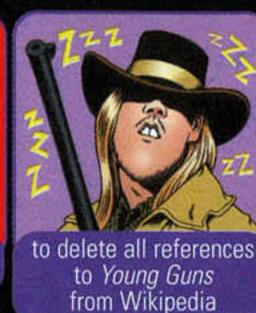














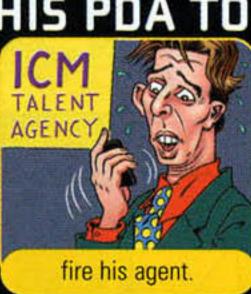
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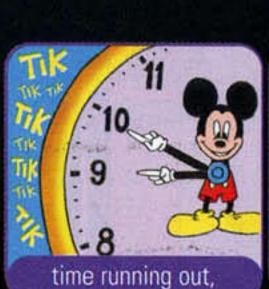




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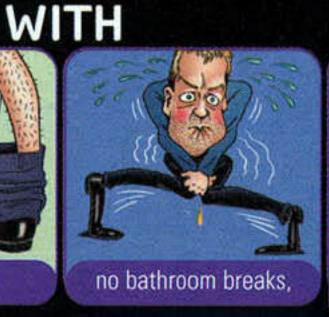


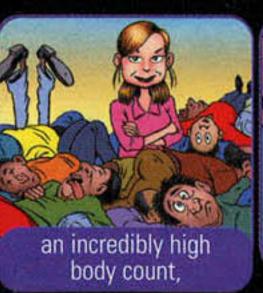


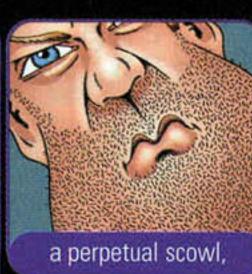






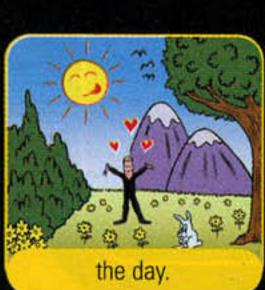


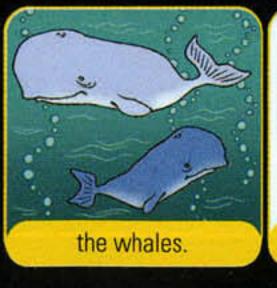






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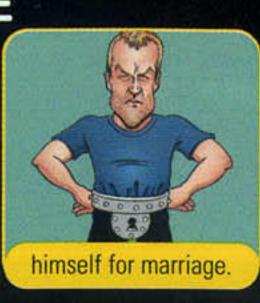




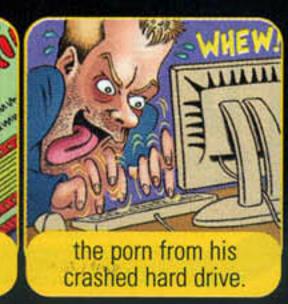


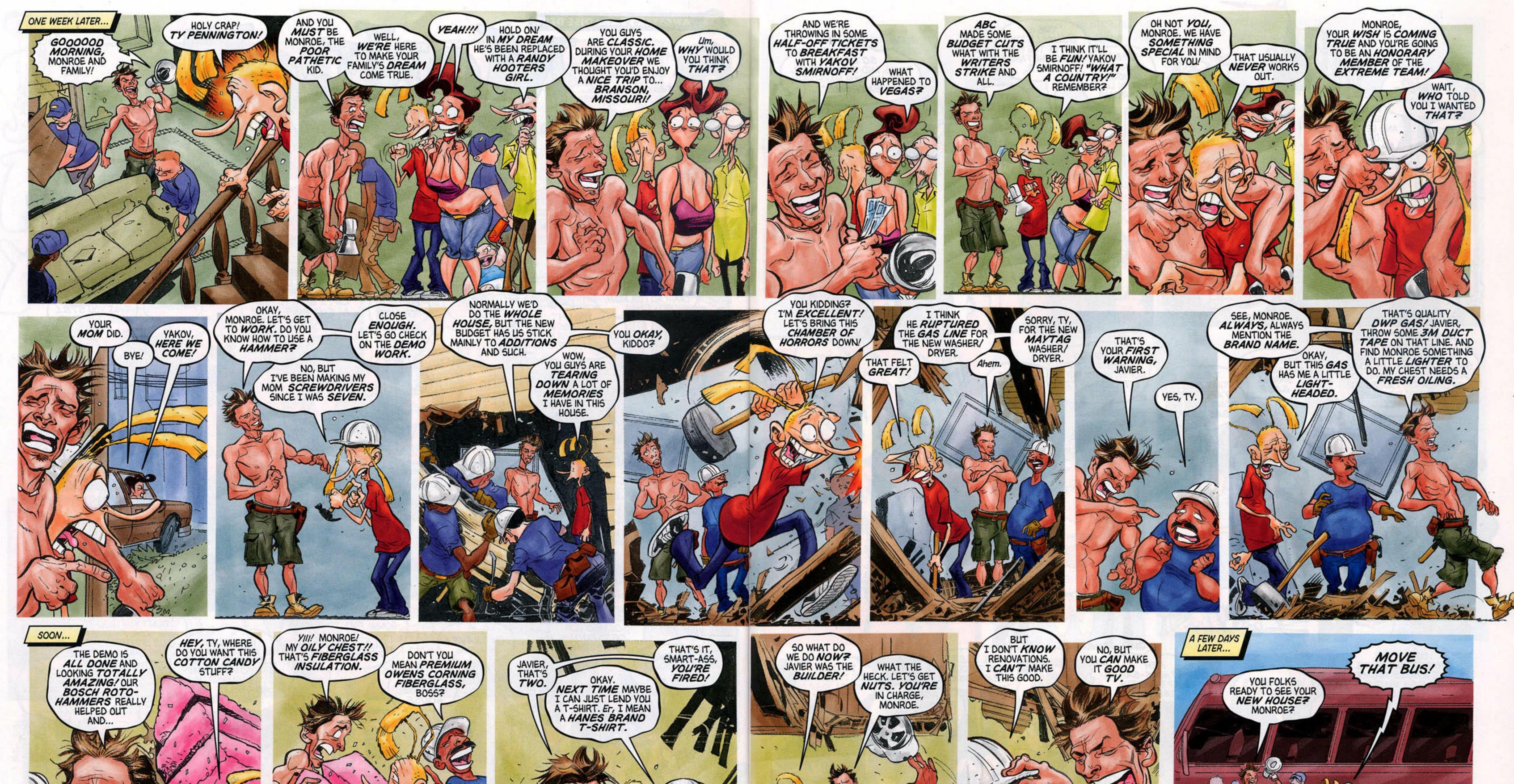




















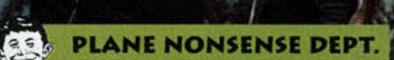




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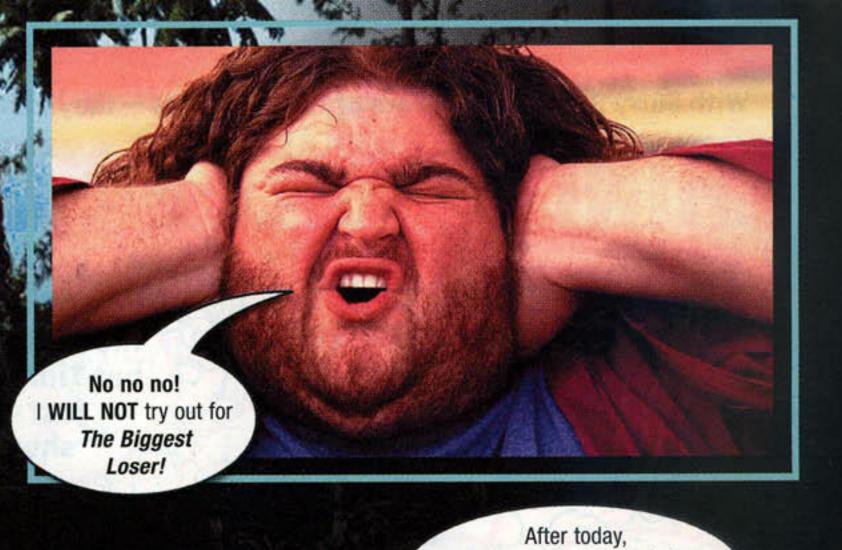
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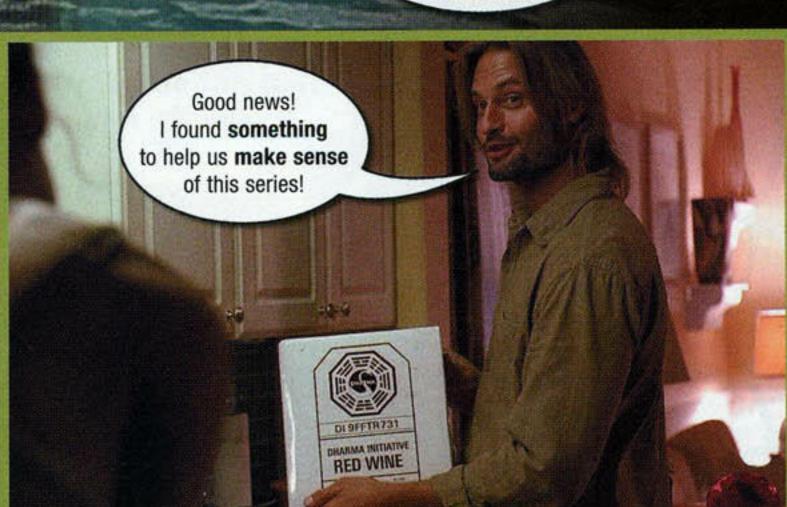




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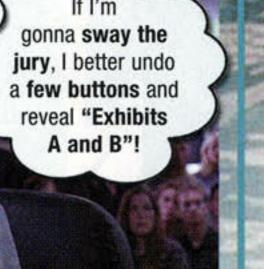
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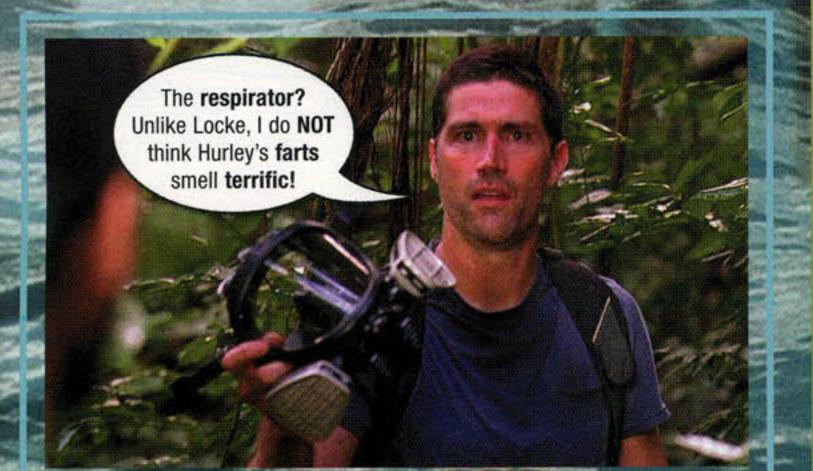
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With Barry Bonds, people are of two mindsets — they either hate him for disgracing baseball, or they're idiots who won't recognize that he's disgracing baseball! Whichever camp you fall into though, keep your ears peeled for these...

THINGS WE'LL PROBABLY OVERHEAR AT THE UPCOMING BARRY BONDS TR

